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Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports

1. Reports Issued (in order of award phase)

- Upcoming Competition Report (Monthly): Identifies upcoming solicitations for competitive grant programs.
- Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies only new and supplemental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded.¹ This report will exclude the program codes identified below since OPA has approved these actions to move forward, but these actions for those program codes are still subject to press release.
- Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies new awards and supplemental, and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing.² This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) to identify opportunities for press releases.
- Non-Profit and Universities Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Grant Report (Weekly after Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report is reviewed by OPA): Identifies new awards and supplemental and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded. This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in OPA.
- ~~White House (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies grant awards that grant offices anticipate signing by the following Monday.~~
- Congressional Report (Daily and Weekly every Monday): Identifies signed grant awards currently in the congressional notification stage. These grant awards were signed the day before the report is issued.

2. The OPA will review the Congressional Report, Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report, the Non-Profit and Universities Report, and the monthly Upcoming Competition Report as described directly below. The Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report will be reviewed by the appropriate person in OPA for press release purposes only.

3. Within 3 business days of receipt of the applicable report, OPA will use the color key codes below to identify their response to the items in the report and ~~notify~~ notify Denise Polk, Kenneth Sylvester, and OGD via email at OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov. If OGD does not receive a response from OPA within the 3 business days, OGD will contact OPA to determine how to proceed with respect to the actions in the report.

a. Color Key Code:

- ~~Not highlighted = The grant or solicitation can move forward.~~
- ~~Green = The action can move forward, but is targeted for a press release.~~
- ~~Yellow = There are questions about this action that need to be resolved prior to moving forward.~~
- ~~Blue = A meeting should be scheduled with the grant/program office, as appropriate, with OPA to address questions prior to moving forward with the action.~~

f. Color Key Code will be standard across all reports.

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Commented [DJ1]: Should we keep this as three business days? Konkus has been reviewing and responding same day.

Commented [DJ2]: See above comment

¹ All new and supplemental grant actions with Program Codes V and VC (Superfund), FS and CS (SRF), and BG (PPGs) have clearance to move forward, but may be identified by OPA for a press release. All other new and supplemental actions will be reviewed and must be cleared by OPA prior to moving forward.

² All Incremental amendment actions are not subject to review by OPA for clearance and can move forward, but still may be subject to press release as determined by OPA.

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4. ~~Within 1-2 business days of notification from OPA, OGD will contact individual POCs (LVFC, Regions, Programs, and GMOs) to notify them of specific actions requiring additional follow-up, as appropriate. Upon receipt of the color coded report(s) from OPA, OGD will forward to all POCs (Regions, Programs, GMOs, ARAs, SROs, LVFC, PADs, etc.) all applicable reports identifying the actions required based on the Color Key Code. The Upcoming Competition Report will be forwarded to the program offices for action as appropriate. OGD, within 1-2 business days of receipt from OPA, will contact individual POCs (LVFC, Regions, Programs, and GMOs) to notify them of specific actions requiring additional follow-up, as appropriate.~~

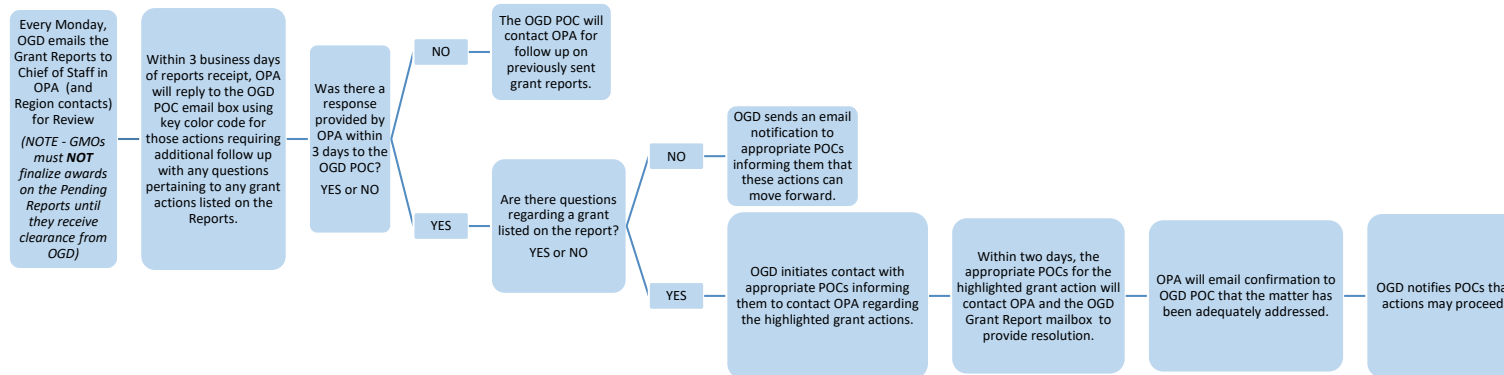
- a. For grants actions identified for press release, the appropriate OPA staff will be copied on the email communication.
 - b. OGD will document communications in appropriate spreadsheet maintained in NPTCD's SharePoint site.
 - c. POCs will reach out to OPA directly to address any questions.
 - d. POCs have a deadline of 2 business days to provide status update and/or resolution to OGD.
4. POCs provide resolution status to OPA, OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, and the OGD POCs.
 5. OPA will notify OGD via email that the matter has been resolved and the actions can move forward.
 6. OGD documents resolution in appropriate spreadsheet and will notify appropriate POCs of final resolution via email address OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, which will then provide final instructions.

Special Instructions for GMOs:

1. To ensure IGMS grant actions accurately and timely correspond to the pending reports, **ALL** actions must have a valid date entered in the IGMS "Funding Pkg Date" (FPD) field within the "Draft Award Document". OGD requests that when an action is received by the program office that the FPD be entered immediately upon receipt or as soon as practicable.
2. Every Wednesday by noon Eastern time the GMOs, or their designee, will identify any new supplemental actions that were not included in the prior report and update the NPTCD SharePoint site via <https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OARM/OGD/NPTCD/Docs/Pending%20Supplemental%20Awards>, with the information requested in the template. If there are no supplemental actions to report for that week, enter your "AASHIP" in the appropriate column on the report and write the following note in the "Project Description" section: "No Supplemental Actions to Report this period."
3. Non-monetary actions, including decrease amendment actions, do not require OPA review and have clearance to move forward; therefore, these actions will not appear on any report.
4. The program and/or grants offices should accurately and specifically describe the nature and intent of the project being performed (e.g. address drought relief, reduce carbon footprint, etc). The key point is to connect the project description language to EPA's core environmental programs. In other words, drought or extreme weather patterns could impact drinking water availability or water quality; air quality may be impacted by wildfires.

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OGD Grant Award Reporting Flow Chart Communication Process*



*This flow chart relates to only the Grant Award process. Solicitations are not covered in this process.

Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations

The Office of the Administrator has directed that all competitive grant solicitations be reviewed by the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) before they are posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants) and before there is any external engagement (e.g., discussions with external stakeholders regarding priorities or other aspects of the competition) relating to the solicitation. This protocol establishes the process for OPA review.

1. **Program Office Initiates OPA Review Process:** When a program office has a final draft of a solicitation that would otherwise be ready for review through the Next Generation Grants System (NGGS) by the Office of Grants and Debarment's Grants Competition Advocate's Office (GCA's Office) they must first send it to John Konkus, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs in OPA, for review and approval before they transmit it through NGGS for GCA review.¹
 - a. Program offices must submit a copy of the draft solicitation via email to John Konkus at konkus.john@epa.gov. They must also copy Bruce Binder, Senior Associate Director for Grants Competition, on the email and all subsequent email communications with John Konkus regarding the solicitation, at binder.bruce@epa.gov.
 - b. The email to John Konkus must include the name, email address, and telephone number for the program office's point of contact (POC) to respond to any OPA questions or comments on the solicitation.
2. **OPA Reviews Solicitation:** John Konkus will review the solicitation within 3 business days of receiving it from the program office.
 - a. If he has any concerns, comments, or questions on the solicitation, he will contact the POC listed in the email. If he has any competition or legal concerns he may also contact the GCA's Office.
 - b. The program office will work directly with John Konkus to resolve any issues on the solicitation. The program office may seek assistance from the GCA's Office and/or OGC/ORC as necessary to resolve any issues.
 - c. If John Konkus has no concerns, or his concerns have been addressed, he will contact the POC to communicate OPA's approval of the solicitation.
 - d. After receiving OPA approval, program offices may engage in appropriate external outreach with the grant community regarding the solicitation consistent with the Assistance Agreement Competition Policy and GCA guidance. However, if this engagement results in any substantive changes to the draft solicitation approved by OPA, the program office must resubmit the solicitation to John Konkus for another review (see Step 1).
3. **Program Office Submits OPA-Approved Solicitation for GCA and OGC/ORC Review:** Once OPA has approved the solicitation, the program office must submit the opportunity to the GCA's Office for review via NGGS as is the current practice. The GCA's Office will forward it to OGC/ORC for review as appropriate.
 - a. The program office must include a statement in the comments field of the "Work Flow" section of the NGGS opportunity indicating that OPA has approved the solicitation (and the date of the approval) and/or may attach any written approval received from John Konkus in the "Work Flow" section of the opportunity in NGGS.
 - b. The program office must attach a copy of any comments or revisions made by John Konkus to the solicitation in the "Work Flow" section of the NGGS opportunity.
 - c. If during their review of the solicitation the GCA's Office and/or OGC/ORC raise any comments or concerns with the solicitation that impact or relate to any comments from OPA, they will work with OPA and the program office to resolve the issues.
4. **Solicitation is Posted:** Program offices may post their solicitation on their website only after receiving approval from OPA and the GCA's Office (and OGC/ORC when applicable). The GCA's Office will then post it on [Grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants) consistent with the established process.

¹ Program offices may still work with the GCA's Office and OGC/ORC when developing the solicitation to address any competition or legal issues with the competition prior to sending it to OPA for review.

To: Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Wed 1/10/2018 8:15:47 PM
Subject: FW: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations
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Bruce S. Binder

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Grants and Debarment

Senior Associate Director for Grants Competition

202-564-4935

202-510-8318

From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 5:56 PM
To: OCFO-SROs <OCFO_SROs@epa.gov>; DAA-Career <DAACareer@epa.gov>; Grants JROs <Grants_JROs@epa.gov>; Grants GMOs <Grants_GMOs@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

Greetings,

The Office of the Administrator has requested an opportunity to review competitive solicitations prior to posting on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Effective immediately, Headquarters and Regional program offices are to provide the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) a draft copy of any competitive solicitation that they plan to issue prior to forwarding it to the Grants Competition Advocate's Office for review in Next Generation Grants System (NGGS).

The draft solicitations are to be sent via email to Mr. John Konkus, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, along with a designated point of contact for any questions OPA may have about the solicitation. Additionally, please copy Bruce Binder on all communications between John Konkus and the program offices.

Once the program office receives approval from OPA to proceed with the solicitation, they must then forward it to the GCA's office via NGGS for GCA and OGC/ORC review as appropriate. Please note that when the program offices forward it for GCA review in NGGS, they must indicate that it has been reviewed and approved by OPA for issuance, and also provide to the GCA a copy of any OPA comments on the solicitation.

If the GCA's office or OGC/ORC have substantive comments on the solicitation, they will work with the program office and OPA to reconcile them. In addition, program offices cannot engage in any manner with non-EPA parties regarding the solicitation, or its contents, (e.g. asking for comments on draft solicitations or suggestions for program priorities) prior to OPA approval of the solicitation.

If you have any questions, call Bruce Binder, Liz January, or Val Swan-Townsend of the GCA's office. For further details concerning implementation of this new review process, please see the attached protocol, which will soon be issued as an Interim Policy Notice.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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To: Perez, Robert[Perez.Roberto@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 4:05:12 PM
Subject: RE: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

Yes it says that right in protocol. footnote

From: Perez, Robert
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

Can program's continue to consult you or OGC if they have policy/legal questions before forwarding the RFA to OPA? Sometimes we raise RFA questions before the solicitation is approved by us and forwarded to you.

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On Aug 10, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Laurice. We will also be scheduling a call within the next two weeks with the GCRC to discuss this and related competition matters.

From: Jones, Laurice
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:09 PM
To: DAA-Career <DAACareer@epa.gov>; Grants JROs <Grants_JROs@epa.gov>; Grants GMOs <Grants_GMOs@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Brincks, Mike <brincks.mike@epa.gov>; Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>; Carter, Rick <Carter.Rick@epa.gov>; Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>; Graves, Kimberly <graves.kimberly@epa.gov>; Harmon, Russell <Harmon.Russell@epa.gov>; Helm, Arron <Helm.Arron@epa.gov>; Kenyon, Michael <Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov>; Lapierre, Kenneth <Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Lindsay, Nancy <Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov>; Manna, Richard <Manna.Richard@epa.gov>; McDonald, James <McDonald.James@epa.gov>; McIlwain, Serena <McIlwain.Serena@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Sypniewski, Bruce <sypniewski.bruce@epa.gov>; Tellis, Vickie <Tellis.Vickie@epa.gov>; Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>; Grants GCRC <Grants_GCRC@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise

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Subject: RE: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

Good afternoon,

This email is to notify the Grants community that **Policy Notice, PN-2017-G05 Issuance of the Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**, is now available on the OGD Intranet Policy Notice Library. The purpose of PN-2017-G05 is to provide a protocol for the Office of Public Affairs' review of draft competitive solicitations. If you have questions about this process, please contact Bruce Binder at binder.bruce@epa.gov or Elizabeth January at January.elizabeth@epa.gov. Thank you!

Laurice Jones

Director, National Policy, Training and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

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To: Congdon, Rachel[Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 8:45:29 PM
Subject: Re: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

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Bruce S. Binder
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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On Sep 18, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov> wrote:

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Rachel Congdon

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From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Konkus, John
<konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>

Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

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From: Congdon, Rachel
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
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Work for everyone?

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Hows this.

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Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;
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Per our phone conversation, the language in the EWDJT RFP has been updated to read:

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The language has been updated in both Section V.B. and Appendix 3 to reflect this change.

Please let me know if you have any additional comment.

Thank you,

Rachel Congdon

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To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
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Hi Kari,

I added the natural disaster other factor back in as it has been written in past years. It is listed as 2013 or later to encompass natural disasters that have affected communities throughout the United States within the past five years.

When assistance agreements are awarded competitively, EPA's Competition Policy requires that the competitive process be fair and impartial, that all applicants be evaluated only on the criteria stated in the announcement, and that no applicant receive an unfair competitive advantage.

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Please let me know if OPA has any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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To: Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>

Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;

Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hi Rachel,

A follow-up from OPA. Please respond (directly to me) to the highlight below.

Thanks!

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 8:29 AM

To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>

Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;

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Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Why is it “2013 or later”? Can we be more specific? Thank you!

From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;
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Hi John,

Per our telcon, I've forwarded your comments on the draft RFP to the PO and herewith share OBLR formal responses.

Specifically:

- 1) The second paragraph in Section is incomplete.

The second paragraph in Section I was intended to be deleted. Apologies for the oversight.

- 2) Can we target this grant to locations impacted by the recent hurricanes?

Yes, we can add in an "Other factor." In the past, the RFP has included an "other factor" that covered recent natural disasters (those within the last five years). Per your comment, OBLR has re-inserted that "other factor."

Attached is a revised version of the draft EWDJT RFP with OPA's comments incorporated. With these edits, please advise if we may move forward with ARMS/GCA/OGC reviews of the draft.

Thank you!

Kari

202-566-1891

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:22 PM

To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>

Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>

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Kari: Per our phone conversation, here are my only two comments:

- 1) The second paragraph in Section is incomplete.
- 2) Can we target this grant to locations impacted by the recent hurricanes?

Thank you,

John

From: Bilal, Kari

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;
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John,

The attached draft RFP was received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the draft for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the draft may be directed to: Kari Bilal /
bilal.kari@epa.gov / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

Kari L. Bilal | Junior Resource Official
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For OLEM grants assistance & information:
<http://intranet.epa.gov/olem/grants/index.html>

For OLEM competitive grant opportunities:
<http://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding>

To: Wilbur, Jennifer[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 8:44:55 PM
Subject: Re: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

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On Sep 18, 2017, at 4:37 PM, Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Binder, Bruce
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Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hows this.

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Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

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From: Congdon, Rachel
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:13 PM

To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>;
Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia
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<Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Per our phone conversation, the language in the EWDJT RFP has been updated to read:

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The language has been updated in both Section V.B. and Appendix 3 to reflect this change.

Please let me know if you have any additional comment.

Thank you,

Rachel Congdon

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hi Kari,

I added the natural disaster other factor back in as it has been written in past years. It is listed as 2013 or later to encompass natural disasters that have affected communities throughout the United States within the past five years.

When assistance agreements are awarded competitively, EPA's Competition Policy requires that the competitive process be fair and impartial, that all applicants be evaluated only on the criteria stated in the announcement, and that no applicant receive an unfair competitive advantage.

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Hi Rachel,

A follow-up from OPA. Please respond (directly to me) to the highlight below.

Thanks!

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Thank you!

Kari

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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

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Thank you!

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To: Wilbur, Jennifer[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Bilal, Kari[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 3:21:52 PM
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

I called

From: Wilbur, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Sure – do you want to call me – 202-566-2756

From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Ok do you want to talk at 11

From: Wilbur, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5	I need your assistance on the competition side of things.
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To: Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Let me know when. I should be on it.

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Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Circling back on this question below...Maybe we can have a call or meeting on this one today or tomorrow so I can ask more questions.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 2:13:17 PM
Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

I am looping in Nancy Beck so OCSPP can be involved. Thank you!

From: Drake, Kerry
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

I am confirming that the applicant has not yet drawn down any funds, and we have confirmed with them that they have not yet produced any outreach materials. I'm copying Amy Miller, Region 9 Chief of Staff, who is familiar with this grant. Amy is a good source of information for any specific questions regarding the grant. Her number is 415-947-4198. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

Acting Assistant Regional Administrator

U.S. EPA, Region 9

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From: Konkus, John
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To: Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Thank you.

From: Drake, Kerry
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

I'll look into this again ASAP.

Best,

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Kerry: In light of this article: <https://joanconrow.net/2017/12/01/epa-funds-anti-gmo-movement-in-hawaii/> would you mind checking back in with the grantee to see if they've develop and outreach materials yet?

From: Drake, Kerry
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

We heard back from the grantee confirmation that they “have not yet created any outreach materials or social media.” Please see original email below from the grantee.

Please let me know if you’d like for me to set up a call to discuss.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

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The original email from the grantee:

As we are still in project preparation mode, we have not yet created any outreach materials or social media (The actual EJSG grant funds were only very recently made available for draw down, and so our work on this grant has been delayed by a few months).

The only project information that has been created thusfar for the EJSG grant is the brief project description requested by EPA for the Region 9 EJ Grantee Community Solutions Conference (Oct. 19-20, 2017). I am fairly sure that directory distribution was limited to EJ grantees, presenters, EPA staff and EPA funder colleagues in attendance at that conference. Our project was described as follows:

Organizational description:

Kaua'i Environmental Health Network is a Hawaii not-for-profit community service organization that provides information to the residents of Kaua'i on issues affecting environmental health and safety, and develops community-based opportunities for creating solutions together. KEHN's resources are focused on the region of west Kaua'i as a "fenceline" community that bears disproportionate environmental risks due to its surrounding land and water uses.

Project Description:

The Kānāwai Community Engagement Project: This project will educate community members on environmental laws and local watershed issues through exchanges with local water experts, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, policymakers and state agency conservationists. A key outcome of the project will be the identification of opportunities for community-based remediation, watershed restoration and policy efforts, and a draft community-driven Plan of Action to address local water quality, environmental and public health issues.

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7:51 AM

To: Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>

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Can we see a copy of their “outreach materials” and what are their social media sites for us to look at? Thank you.

From: Kramer, Alexander

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 2:42 PM

To: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>

Subject: RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Attached is a complete copy of the original requested workplan and application for EPA Grant No 99T67001-0. The second smaller file contains minor revisions to the workplan and additional application supporting documentation.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Regards,

Alex

Alexander Kramer

Acting Grants and Contracts Branch Chief

U.S. EPA - Region 9

75 Hawthorne Street, EMD-6-2

San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: 415.972.3126

From: Sylvester, Kenneth

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:28 AM

To: Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>

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Importance: High

Hi Kerry and Alexander,

John Konkus (DAA-Office of Public Affairs) has requested the entire workplan and full application for the below referenced grant that previously awarded on September 19, 2017. Please provide the information at your earliest convenience so it can be reviewed. I've included John on this email, so you can simply "reply to all" via this email with the requested documents.

Program		Applicant		Project Title	Project Description	EPA	
Grant Code	CFDAAsh	Name	Type			Award Date	Record Type
Family No	Code						
99T67001-0	66.604R09	Kaua'i Environmental Health Network	Not	Environmental Justice Program - Kauai	The grantee's project will provide opportunities for west Kaua'i residents to learn about the factors that may be impacting the quality of nearshore waters and life, and the important roles of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), in helping the community protect local	9/19/2017	\$30,000.00

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for Environmental Health
Profit Network

environmental health,
local ecosystems and
local natural resources.

This assistance
agreement provides
\$30,000 in federal
funding and approves
preaward costs back to
September 1, 2017.

Thanks.

Ken Sylvester

Special Assistant to the Office Director

Office of Grants and Debarment

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Washington, D.C. 20460

(Mail Code 3901R)

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Email: sylvester.kenneth@epa.gov

Phone: (202) 564-1902

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(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

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Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]
From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thur 11/9/2017 8:30:39 PM
Subject: FW: Effective Monday, November 13, 2017 - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Points of Contact for Communications
Revised Guidance for Managing OGD Grant Reporting 11-3-17.docx

Greetings,

Please make sure that the correct reports are sent out on Monday now that the guidance has been sent out this afternoon. Jessica identified a few issues with the draft version of the revised pending report last week. Please make sure these glitches are correct prior to sending the reports out. Thanks and have a great weekend!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 3:28 PM

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Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Subject: Effective Monday, November 13, 2017 - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Points of Contact for Communications

Greetings,

Attached is revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports, which will become effective on **Monday, November 13, 2016**. These changes reflect slight modifications to the current grant reporting process since the original June 30, 2017 guidance release. We have also updated the Point of Contact (POC) information, which is provided below for your convenience.

In keeping with our normal process, when OGD receives the pending reports from the OPA requesting additional information, the reports will be emailed to the Grants Management Officers (GMOs), Junior Resource Officials (JROs), Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC), Assistant Regional Administrators (ARAs) and the Senior Resource Officials (SROs) to ensure a timely review and engagement with OPA. Within two business days of receipt, OGD will send emails directly to the GMO, JRO, LVFC, ARA and/or SRO, as appropriate, identifying the actions that are specific to their AASHIP. This communication is intended to provide you a snapshot of the actions that require follow-up for your AASHIP. OGD encourages your grants/program office to make immediate contact with OPA so that any questions or concerns can be quickly addressed. Please share the revised guidance and the POC information with the designated person that will engage OPA to resolve the matter.

Points of Contacts (POCs)for the OGD Grant Reports Process

The OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov email address is managed by Michael Williams (Primary POC) and Jessica Durand (Back-Up POC). Michael and Jessica's contact information is provided below along with other individuals involved with this process.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Wishing you all an enjoyable holiday weekend!

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From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 9:55:57 PM
Subject: OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations
Protocol for OPA Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations 2017 0....docx

Greetings,

The Office of the Administrator has requested an opportunity to review competitive solicitations prior to posting on Grants.gov. Effective immediately, Headquarters and Regional program offices are to provide the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) a draft copy of any competitive solicitation that they plan to issue prior to forwarding it to the Grants Competition Advocate's Office for review in Next Generation Grants System (NGGS).

The draft solicitations are to be sent via email to Mr. John Konkus, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, along with a designated point of contact for any questions OPA may have about the solicitation. Additionally, please copy Bruce Binder on all communications between John Konkus and the program offices.

Once the program office receives approval from OPA to proceed with the solicitation, they must then forward it to the GCA's office via NGGS for GCA and OGC/ORC review as appropriate. Please note that when the program offices forward it for GCA review in NGGS, they must indicate that it has been reviewed and approved by OPA for issuance, and also provide to the GCA a copy of any OPA comments on the solicitation.

If the GCA's office or OGC/ORC have substantive comments on the solicitation, they will work with the program office and OPA to reconcile them. In addition, program offices cannot engage in any manner with non-EPA parties regarding the solicitation, or its contents, (e.g. asking for comments on draft solicitations or suggestions for program priorities) prior to OPA approval of the solicitation.

If you have any questions, call Bruce Binder, Liz January, or Val Swan-Townsend of the GCA's office. For further details concerning implementation of this new review process, please see the attached protocol, which will soon be issued as an Interim Policy Notice.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation.

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Issuance of the Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations

Effective Date: YYY

Resources:

Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations

Purpose: This Policy Notice establishes the Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitation.

Background:

The Office of the Administrator has directed that all competitive grant solicitations be reviewed by the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) before they are posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and before there is any external engagement (e.g., discussions with external stakeholders regarding priorities or other aspects of the competition) relating to the solicitation. This protocol establishes the process for OPA review.

Actions:

Program Offices must begin following the referenced Protocol immediately. Any competitive grant solicitations that have not already been cleared by the Office of Public Affairs must go through the process sets forth by the Protocol. No solicitations will be reviewed, published, or approved by the Grants Competition Advocate's office without obtaining approval from OPA first.

To: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
Cc: Jones, Laurice[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov]
From: Durand, Jessica
Sent: Wed 11/1/2017 7:55:23 PM
Subject: RE: Final Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications
Clean Version Guidance for Managing OGD Grant Reporting 11-1-17.docx

Well here it is with the separate press release report.

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Cc: Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

It's up to Denise, however I think we may have to continue the separate "Cathy Milbourn" report (unfortunately) because they want to use that separate "All-inclusive List" for press releases and sometimes include the 5 program codes not listed in the usual pending report that John reviews.

Personally, I favor your idea to include the 5 Program Codes in the regular pending report to John and it would be easier, however Denise would have to convince OPA. If the previously excluded program codes begin to be included, the trick for OPA would be for them to remember that the 5 program codes shouldn't be questioned when they come across them during their weekly review, otherwise we would have to remove the references to the excluded program codes in the revised guidance as well.

From: Durand, Jessica
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To: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

So right now, we send a report (new, supplemental, and incremental) including the 5 program codes to OPA for press release. Will we continue to send two reports to OPA? Or should the Konkus report include the 5 programs and just have one report?

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Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Cc: Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Final Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Hi Denise,

See original email below which contains recommended edits in red text when you retransmit the revised guidance document. I recall that Michael will be the new Primary POC for this project based on earlier discussions. I also eliminated the Supplemental reporting section entirely since the reports will be revised to include ALL monetary actions (minus the 5 previously approved Program Codes: SRF, Superfund, etc).

Ken

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 4:45 PM

To: Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Scott, CherylL <scott.cheryll@epa.gov>; O'Neal Jr., Rudnell R. <ONeal.Rudnell@epa.gov>; Montrallos, Stephanie L <Montrallos.Stephanie@epa.gov>; Baamonde, Roch <Baamonde.Roch@epa.gov>; White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Lloyd, Keva <Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov>; Massie, William <Massie.William@epa.gov>; Green, Sharon <green.sharon@epa.gov>; Miller, Donna <Miller.Donna@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Brown, Dannell <Brown.Dannell@epa.gov>; Titus, Debbie <Titus.Debbie@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>; Wills, Craig <wills.craig@epa.gov>; VanHaagen, Paula <vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov>; Young, Jill <Young.Jill@epa.gov>; Roth, Francis <Roth.Francis@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Laverne, Dany <laverne.dany@epa.gov>; Elliott, Kechi P. <Elliott.Kechi@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; January, Elizabeth <January.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

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Subject: Final Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Greetings,

Attached is the final "Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports", which also includes a flowchart of the process. In addition to the attached guidance, provided below is additional instructions and Points-of Contact (POCs) to ensure an efficient process that enables OGD to adequately track actions that appear on the pending reports. Please review and share with your staff, as appropriate.

Email Communications with the Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD)

All email correspondence concerning grant actions from the OGD reports should be sent directly to the

OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov email address. This email address will be monitored daily by Amanda Schulz Michael Williams (Primary Point-of-Contact (POC)) and Jessica Durand (Back-

up POC). Please copy ~~Amanda~~ Michael, Jessica and Laurice Jones, their contact information is provided below, on any communications submitted to the OGD email address mentioned above.

OGD Contact with POCs

When OGD receives the pending reports from the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) requesting additional information, the reports will be emailed to the Grants Management Officers (GMOs), Junior Resource Officials (JROs), Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC), Assistant Regional Administrators (ARAs) and the Senior Resource Officials (SROs) to ensure a timely review and engagement with OPA. Within two business days of receipt, OGD will send emails directly to the GMO, JRO, LVFC, ARA and/or SRO, as appropriate, identifying the actions that are specific to their AASHIP. This communication is intended to provide you a snapshot of the actions that require follow-up for your AASHIP. OGD encourages your grants/program office to make immediate contact with OPA so that any questions or concerns can be quickly addressed. Please share the POC information below with the designated person that will engage OPA to resolve the matter.

IGMS Funding Package (FP) Date Field

1. **ALL** actions must have a valid date entered in the IGMS “Funding Pkg Date” (FPD) field within the “Draft Award Document”. This will allow OGD to accurately and timely link the pending report data to the grant information in IGMS.
2. OGD requests that when an action is received by the program office that the FPD be entered immediately upon receipt or as soon as practicable.
3. It is not recommended that the FPD be modified once entered because it will negatively affect the pending reports for data tracking purposes (so please do not change the date after it has been entered).
4. The requirement to add the FPD should include non-monetary actions (such as time extensions, rebudgeting, etc.) in the event they are tracked again in the future.
5. For some grant actions, the FPD is automatically populated, while other actions require manual entry. So be sure to check that this field is complete.
6. If you are unsure of the FPD, OGD recommends the following:
 - a. For New grant actions, the FPD should be the receipt date of either the notification of the finalized Funding Recommendation or Commitment Notice(s) whichever is later.
 - b. For Supplemental actions, the FPD should be the receipt date of either the notification of the finalized Funding Recommendation, Change Request or Commitment Notice(s) whichever is later.
 - c. For Incremental actions, the FPD should be the receipt date of either the notification of the finalized Change Request or Commitment Notice(s) whichever is later.
 - d. For non-monetary (no cost) actions, the FPD should be the receipt date of the notification of the finalized Change Request.

Manual Tracking of Supplemental Actions

Every Friday by COB Wednesday by noon Eastern time the GMOs, or their designee, will identify any new supplemental actions that were not included in the prior report and update the NPTCD SharePoint site via <https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OARM/OGD/NPTCD/Docs/Pending%20Supplemental%20Awards>, with the information requested in the template.

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If there are no supplemental actions to report for that week, enter your “AASHIP” in the appropriate column on the report and add the following note in the “Project Description” section: “No Supplemental Actions to Report this period.”

Points of Contacts (POCs) for the OGD Grant Reports Process

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend and July 4th holiday.

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Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports

- 1) Reports Issued (in order of award phase)
 - a) Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies only new and supplemental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded.¹ This report will exclude the program codes identified below since OPA has approved these actions to move forward, but these actions for those program codes are still subject to press release.
 - b) For Press Release-Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies new awards and supplemental, and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing.² This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) to identify opportunities for press releases.
 - c) Non-Profit and Universities Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Grant Report (Weekly after Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report is reviewed by OPA): Identifies new awards and supplemental and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded. This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in OPA.
 - d) Congressional Report (Daily and Weekly every Monday): Identifies signed grant awards currently in the congressional notification stage. These grant awards were signed the day before the report is issued.
- 2) The OPA will review the Congressional Report, Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report, and the Non-Profit and Universities Report as described directly below. The Press Release-Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report will be reviewed by the appropriate person in OPA for press release purposes only.
- 3) Within 3 business days of receipt of the applicable report, OPA will identify their response to the items in the report and notify Denise Polk, Kenneth Sylvester, and OGD at OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov. If OGD does not receive a response from OPA within the 3 business days, OGD will contact OPA to determine how to proceed with respect to the actions in the report.
 - a) The email address, OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, will be used for all reporting purposes.
- 4) Within 1-2 business days of notification from OPA, OGD will contact individual POCs (LVFC, Regions, Programs, and GMOs) to notify them of specific actions requiring additional follow-up, as appropriate.
 - a) POCs will reach out to OPA directly to address any questions.
 - b) POCs provide resolution status to OPA, OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, and the OGD POCs.
 - c) POCs have a deadline of 2 business days to provide status update and/or resolution to OGD.
 - d) OGD will document communications in appropriate spreadsheet maintained in NPTCD's SharePoint site.
 - e) OPA will notify OGD via email that the matter has been resolved and the actions can move forward.
 - f) OGD documents resolution in appropriate spreadsheet and will notify appropriate POCs of final resolution via email address OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, which will then provide final instructions.
- 5) Within 1-2 business days of reports being issued, OGD will notify all POCs that all actions except those placed specifically on hold can move forward.

¹ All new and supplemental grant actions with Program Codes V and VC (Superfund), FS and CS (SRF), and BG (PPGs) have clearance to move forward, but may be identified by OPA for a press release. All other new and supplemental actions will be reviewed and must be cleared by OPA prior to moving forward.

² All Incremental amendment actions are not subject to review by OPA for clearance and can move forward, but still may be subject to press release as determined by OPA.

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6) For grants actions identified for press release, the appropriate OPA staff will be copied on the email communication.

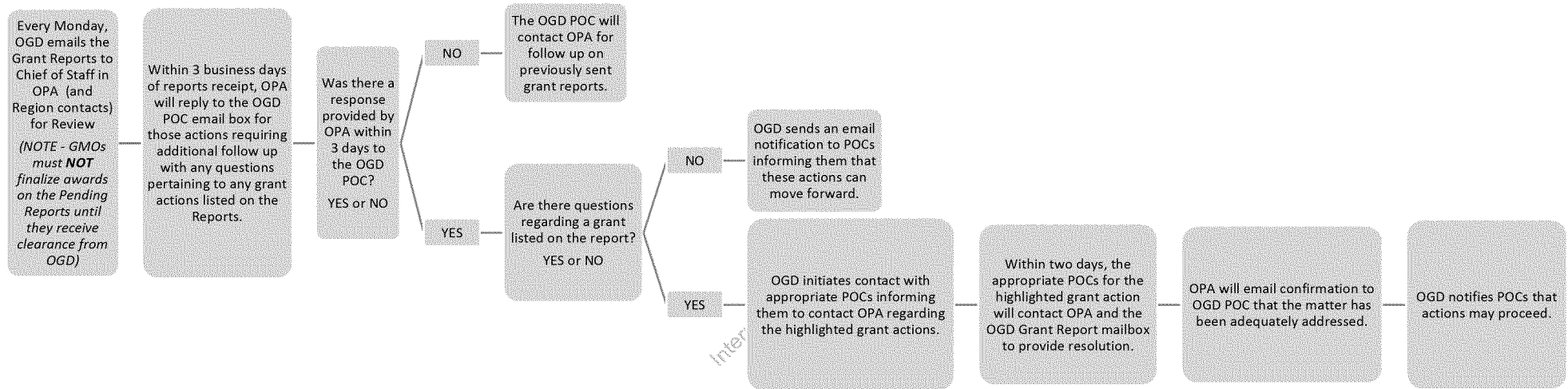
Special Instructions for GMOs:

1. To ensure IGMS grant actions accurately and timely correspond to the pending reports, **ALL** actions must have a valid date entered in the IGMS "Funding Pkg Date" (FPD) field within the "Draft Award Document". OGD requests that when an action is received by the program office that the FPD be entered immediately upon receipt or as soon as practicable.
2. Non-monetary actions, including decrease amendment actions, do not require OPA review and have clearance to move forward; therefore, these actions will not appear on any report.
3. The program and/or grants offices should accurately and specifically describe the nature and intent of the project being performed (e.g. address drought relief, reduce carbon footprint, etc). The key point is to connect the project description language to EPA's core environmental programs. In other words, drought or extreme weather patterns could impact drinking water availability or water quality; air quality may be impacted by wildfires.

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OGD Grant Award Reporting Flow Chart Communication Process*

November 1, 2017



*This flow chart relates to only the Grant Award process. Solicitations are not covered in this process.

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From: Durand, Jessica
Sent: Wed 11/1/2017 3:18:40 PM
Subject: RE: Updated grant reporting SOP
[OGD.Guidance for Managing OGDs Grant Reports 11-1-17 Update JD.docx](#)
[Clean Version Guidance for Managing OGD Grant Reporting 11-1-17.docx](#)

Hi All,

I did some additional editing trying to better capture the current process, which has changed a lot since this SOP was developed. Since there are so many changes I have also attached a clean version that is easier to read.

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Jones, Laurice

Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 10:29 AM

To: Durand, Jessica; Polk, Denise; Sylvester, Kenneth; January, Elizabeth; Binder, Bruce; Raver, Alexandra

Cc: Holliday, Kysha

Subject: Updated grant reporting SOP

When: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: RRB 51210

Meet quickly just to discuss questions raised by Jessica in her draft.

From: Durand, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Cc: Holliday, Kysha <Holliday.Kysha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Action Required

Hi Laurice,

Attached is my first draft of the SOP. I put it in track changes so we can see where the process has changed.

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To: Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Action Required

No problem. If you can just indicate where we have deviated from the protocol, I can work with Denise on any word smithing.

Laurice Jones

Director, National Policy, Training and Compliance Division

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From: Durand, Jessica
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To: Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Cc: Holliday, Kysha <Holliday.Kysha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Action Required

Sure. I can work on it today; however, I will be out of the office tomorrow and Friday. Denise indicated she wants to send it out later this week, but I won't be able to assist after today. I'll be back on Monday.

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From: Jones, Laurice
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To: Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Action Required

Hi Jess,

Could you update this guidance to reflect the current process, as OPA has stopped using it?

Laurice Jones

Director, National Policy, Training and Compliance Division

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From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:03 PM

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Subject: Action Required

Greetings, Laurice and Kysha,

Please see Lisa's comments below regarding NPTCD topics for discussion. I did respond to her and I will send my response to you momentarily, but I'm also scheduling a meeting tomorrow to see what topics we can add to the agenda based on her recommendations.

Also, please have Jessica update the guidance for the reports. If she needs to discuss with me please have her contact me to go over the guidance. It does not represent our current process and should be updated. I would like to send this out later this week with the final agenda. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft GMO In-Person Meeting Agenda

Hello – Thanks for providing the draft agenda. I do have a couple comments for your consideration.

I noticed John K is on the agenda for Day 2 and was wondering if the attached OGD guidance document will be revised to accurately reflect the review process that is currently in place. There is no color coded reports and John reviews ALL grant actions (including incremental actions), not just new and supplemental. If John is reviewing congressional notification reports with the incremental funding actions, we should include them on the weekly OPA report prior to award. I do not believe our award officials should sign actions, the action then convert to Congressional Notification without John's approval if he can flag it before the recipient is notified. It would better for John if he just reviewed everything prior to award.

Also, I noticed an update on suspension and debarment and while it was very informative last year, I would favor having an in-depth discussion on the new GS cost review (which none of my GSs are currently using), or the Interim Policy on Post Award Prior Approval which seems a little unclear. Also, the ASAP policy generated some questions on the GMO vs. LV responsibilities. I'm wondering if any other GMO's provided comments on the policy and have the same questions. Lastly, I thought there

was an idea floating that the GMOs were going to reinvent our advanced monitoring initiative now that LV has taken over the transaction testing, would this be a good time to brainstorm on the discussion?

Thanks again for pulling this agenda together and I look forward to meeting with you all.
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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 5:18 PM

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Subject: Draft GMO In-Person Meeting Agenda

All,

Attached is the latest draft agenda for GMO in-person meeting for you review. We have dedicated some time to review and discuss during our monthly call on Wednesday. Ellen also uploaded it to the meeting invite.

Thanks,

Mike

Mike Osinski

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Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports

- 1) Reports Issued (in order of award phase)
 - a) Upcoming Competition Report (Monthly): Identifies upcoming solicitations for competitive grant programs.
 - b) Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies only new and supplemental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded.¹ This report will exclude the program codes identified below since OPA has approved these actions to move forward, but these actions for those program codes are still subject to press release.
 - c) Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report (Weekly on Mondays): Identifies new awards and supplemental, and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing.² This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) to identify opportunities for press releases.
 - d) Non-Profit and Universities Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Grant Report (Weekly after Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report is reviewed by OPA): Identifies new awards and supplemental and incremental grant funding amendment actions submitted by the program office to the grants office for processing, but not yet awarded. This report will **ONLY** be emailed to the appropriate person in OPA.
 - e) Congressional Report (Daily and Weekly every Monday): Identifies signed grant awards currently in the congressional notification stage. These grant awards were signed the day before the report is issued.
- 2) The OPA will review the Congressional Report, Pending New and Supplemental Amendment Grant Report, the Non-Profit and Universities Report, and the monthly Upcoming Competition Report as described directly below. The Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report will be reviewed by the appropriate person in OPA for press release purposes only.
- 3) Within 3 business days of receipt of the applicable report, OPA will identify their response to the items in the report and notify Denise Polk, Kenneth Sylvester, and OGD at OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov. If OGD does not receive a response from OPA within the 3 business days, OGD will contact OPA to determine how to proceed with respect to the actions in the report.
 - a) The email address, OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, will be used for all reporting purposes.
- 4) Within 1-2 business days of notification from OPA, OGD will contact individual POCs (LVFC, Regions, Programs, and GMOs) to notify them of specific actions requiring additional follow-up, as appropriate.
 - a) POCs will reach out to OPA directly to address any questions.
 - b) POCs provide resolution status to OPA, OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, and the OGD POCs.
 - c) POCs have a deadline of 2 business days to provide status update and/or resolution to OGD.
 - d) OGD will document communications in appropriate spreadsheet maintained in NPTCD's SharePoint site.
 - e) OPA will notify OGD via email that the matter has been resolved and the actions can move forward.
 - f) OGD documents resolution in appropriate spreadsheet and will notify appropriate POCs of final resolution via email address OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov, which will then provide final instructions.
- 5) Within 1-2 business days of reports being issued, OGD will notify all POCs that all actions except those placed specifically on hold can move forward.

¹ All new and supplemental grant actions with Program Codes V and VC (Superfund), FS and CS (SRF), and BG (PPGs) have clearance to move forward, but may be identified by OPA for a press release. All other new and supplemental actions will be reviewed and must be cleared by OPA prior to moving forward.

² All Incremental amendment actions are not subject to review by OPA for clearance and can move forward, but still may be subject to press release as determined by OPA.

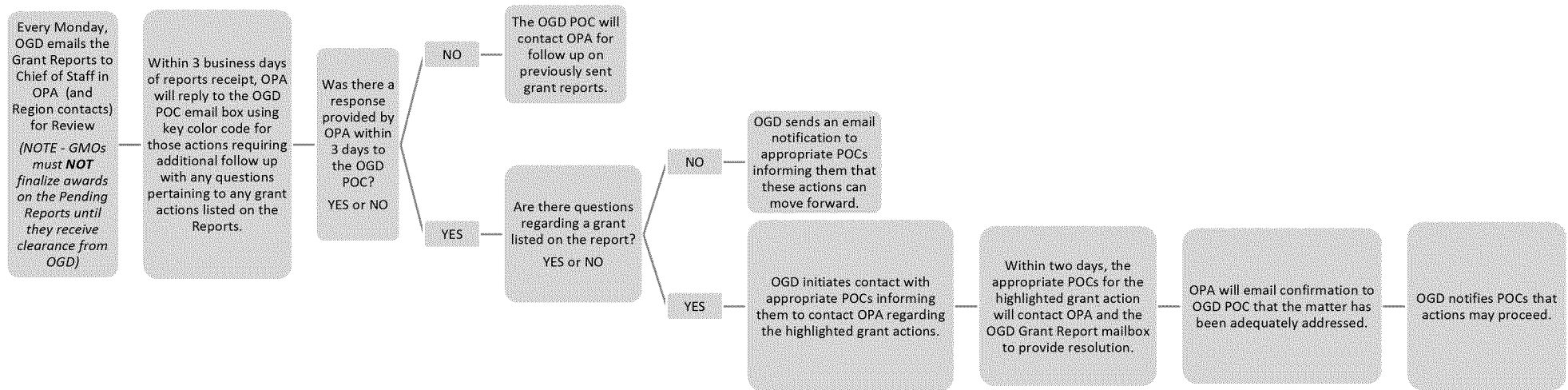
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- 6) The Upcoming Competition Report will be forwarded to the program offices for action as appropriate.
- 7) For grants actions identified for press release, the appropriate OPA staff will be copied on the email communication.

Special Instructions for GMOs:

1. To ensure IGMS grant actions accurately and timely correspond to the pending reports, **ALL** actions must have a valid date entered in the IGMS "Funding Pkg Date" (FPD) field within the "Draft Award Document". OGD requests that when an action is received by the program office that the FPD be entered immediately upon receipt or as soon as practicable.
2. Every Wednesday by noon Eastern time the GMOs, or their designee, will identify any new supplemental actions that were not included in the prior report and update the NPTCD SharePoint site via <https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OARM/OGD/NPTCD/Docs/Pending%20Supplemental%20Awards>, with the information requested in the template. If there are no supplemental actions to report for that week, enter your "AASHIP" in the appropriate column on the report and write the following note in the "Project Description" section: "No Supplemental Actions to Report this period."
3. Non-monetary actions, including decrease amendment actions, do not require OPA review and have clearance to move forward; therefore, these actions will not appear on any report.
4. The program and/or grants offices should accurately and specifically describe the nature and intent of the project being performed (e.g. address drought relief, reduce carbon footprint, etc). The key point is to connect the project description language to EPA's core environmental programs. In other words, drought or extreme weather patterns could impact drinking water availability or water quality; air quality may be impacted by wildfires.

OGD Grant Award Reporting Flow Chart Communication Process*



*This flow chart relates to only the Grant Award process. Solicitations are not covered in this process.

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 8:08:44 PM
Subject: OAR Grant Decisions

Denise,

We have decided to award:

Global Green Freight Initiative

We have decided not to award:

Market-Based Approaches to Improving Air Quality through Energy Efficiency in Residential and Commercial Buildings

Advancing the State of Economy-Wide Computable General Equilibrium Modeling

Thank you.

John

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Bilal, Kari[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov]
Cc: Miles, Nicole[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov]; Wilbur, Jennifer[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov]
From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Thur 9/14/2017 6:28:57 PM
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Another idea that we have employed before is that while we cant require applicants to propose a specific project we can expressly state that we are strongly encouraging projects that can benefit impacted areas. Again at least this would highlight the importance we are placing on it—not guaranteeing anything but signaling what we think is important.

From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

John, I will defer to the program on this but I am not sure they can more specifically target it to those areas. But I will defer to them on that. However, what they may be able to do is add an additional selection factor that would allow us to consider whether the project will benefit impacted areas that could be used in close calls to pick those that do over ones that don't—it would be what we call an "other" factor for award that a selection official can consider in addition to the point scored factors. And give us the discretion to pick a lower scored one that helps impacted areas over a higher one that doesn't. Just some more flexibility.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Kari: Per our phone conversation, here are my only two comments:

- 1) The second paragraph in Section is incomplete.
- 2) Can we target this grant to locations impacted by the recent hurricanes?

Thank you,

John

From: Bilal, Kari

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:49 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>

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Questions/Comments on the draft may be directed to: Kari Bilal / bilal.kari@epa.gov / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov];
Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Cc: Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]
From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Wed 11/8/2017 7:53:56 PM
Subject: RE: DRAFT Transmittal Email and Revised Guidance for Your Review - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Thanks for your prompt response. We will send the revised guidance out later today and include you all on the message.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>;
Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT Transmittal Email and Revised Guidance for Your Review - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Looks great ..thanks ng

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From: Konkus, John

Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:25 PM

To: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT Transmittal Email and Revised Guidance for Your Review - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Looks good to me. Nancy?

From: Sylvester, Kenneth

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 1:11 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT Transmittal Email and Revised Guidance for Your Review - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Hi John,

Since we plan to modify the pending report that you review starting on Monday, November 13, 2017, we planned to issue the revised guidance sometime this week to provide advanced notice to the grants community. Since this is a short week, do you happen to have an idea of when you anticipate reviewing and providing concurrence? We will definitely wait to release until we hear back from you.

Thanks

Ken

From: Sylvester, Kenneth

Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 12:55 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <polk.denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>

Subject: DRAFT Transmittal Email and Revised Guidance for Your Review - Revised Guidance for Managing OGD's Grant Reports and Communications

Importance: High

Greetings, John, Nancy and Cathy:

Denise is out of office today, so I'm sending this message on her behalf and am requesting your concurrence on the revised Grant Reporting Guidance/Protocol, as well as the proposed transmittal email that includes references to OPA POCs.

As previously discussed between Denise and John, the primary process change going forward is that Incremental monetary amendments will now be included, in addition to the New and Supplemental monetary awards that are already reported in the "Pending New, Supplemental and Incremental Amendment Grant Report" that John reviews every Monday.

Please review the revised guidance and email communication so that we can share it with EPA's grants management community informing them of the revised process for FY 18, which will become effective on **Monday, November 13, 2017**. Please let me or Ken know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend!

Ken Sylvester

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From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Thur 9/14/2017 6:00:27 PM
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Cool... Thanks, John!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Thank you. We are reviewing it now.

From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>
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Thank you!

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From: Lloyd, David
Sent: Tue 9/19/2017 1:30:29 PM
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

John, following is the language we settled on. Let me know if you have any problems with it.
Thanks

- The needs of communities adversely affected by natural disasters (2013 or later), including, but not limited to, recent hurricanes in the United States and Caribbean and recent wildfires in the Western United States;

David R. Lloyd, Director

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From: Lloyd, David

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:21 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>

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John, we did and I'll send it to you in a few minutes.

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Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Did we ever settle on language? Thanks.

From: Binder, Bruce
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
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Ill defer to you. that why I put eg. But I am not sure I would say "southern." Texas is not really considered the south. Just say recent hurricanes affecting the United States and Caribbean.

From: Congdon, Rachel
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
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I'm hesitant to name them solely because hurricane season is not over, and should another one hit, we haven't called direct attention to as we have with Harvey and Irma. I revised the language to:

- The needs of communities adversely affected by natural disasters (2013 or later), including, but not limited to, recent hurricanes in the Southern United States and Caribbean and recent wildfires in the Western United States;

Work for everyone?

Rachel Congdon

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Hows this.

- The needs of communities adversely affected by natural disasters (2013 or later), including, but not limited to, recent hurricanes in the ~~Southern~~ United States (e.g., Harvey, Irma), and recent wildfires in the Western United States;

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Do you feel “Southern United States” also covers Puerto Rico and USVI? If so then this is good!

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Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
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Per our phone conversation, the language in the EWDJT RFP has been updated to read:

- The needs of communities adversely affected by natural disasters (2013 or later), including, but not limited to, recent hurricanes in the Southern United States and recent wildfires in the Western United States;

The language has been updated in both Section V.B. and Appendix 3 to reflect this change.

Please let me know if you have any additional comment.

Thank you,

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Hi Kari,

I added the natural disaster other factor back in as it has been written in past years. It is listed as 2013 or later to encompass natural disasters that have affected communities throughout the United States within the past five years.

When assistance agreements are awarded competitively, EPA's Competition Policy requires that the competitive process be fair and impartial, that all applicants be evaluated only on the criteria stated in the announcement, and that no applicant receive an unfair competitive advantage.

While I certainly hope that communities affected by the recent hurricanes are able to take

advantage of this competitive funding opportunity, we recognize that there have been many other communities throughout the US that have been impacted by severe weather events. All communities affected trying to rebuild and revitalize should be given the opportunity to train local unemployed residents and place them in local environmental jobs.

Please let me know if OPA has any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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Hi Rachel,

A follow-up from OPA. Please respond (directly to me) to the highlight below.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Good point – Rachel, should we leave or add “Caribbean and Southern ...

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Congdon, Rachel <Congdon.Rachel@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Do you feel “Southern United States” also covers Puerto Rico and USVI? If so then this is good!

From: Congdon, Rachel
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Overmeyer, Patricia <Overmeyer.Patricia@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Lentz, Rachel <Lentz.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Per our phone conversation, the language in the EWDJT RFP has been updated to read:

- The needs of communities adversely affected by natural disasters (2013 or later), including, but not limited to, recent hurricanes in the Southern United States and recent wildfires in the Western United States;

The language has been updated in both Section V.B. and Appendix 3 to reflect this change.

Please let me know if you have any additional comment.

Thank you,

Rachel Congdon

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Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hi Kari,

I added the natural disaster other factor back in as it has been written in past years. It is listed as 2013 or later to encompass natural disasters that have affected communities throughout the United States within the past five years.

When assistance agreements are awarded competitively, EPA's Competition Policy requires that the competitive process be fair and impartial, that all applicants be evaluated only on the criteria stated in the announcement, and that no applicant receive an unfair competitive advantage.

While I certainly hope that communities affected by the recent hurricanes are able to take advantage of this competitive funding opportunity, we recognize that there have been many other communities throughout the US that have been impacted by severe weather events. All communities affected trying to rebuild and revitalize should be given the opportunity to train local unemployed residents and place them in local environmental jobs.

Please let me know if OPA has any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hi Rachel,

A follow-up from OPA. Please respond (directly to me) to the highlight below.

Thanks!

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Why is it “2013 or later”? Can we be more specific? Thank you!

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Thank you!

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Thank you!

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From: Wilbur, Jennifer
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 2:49:17 PM
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Thanks – I just sent a meeting invite for 3:30 with the relevant parties.

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I want it out too, but have some questions first to make sure it's as useful a grant solicitation as possible. I'm here all day.

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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
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John,

If we could discuss today that would be most helpful. It is important that this be released as soon as possible. In addition, it is important for this program that it remain as neutral as possible from both a competition and policy standpoint.

Jennifer

Jennifer M. Wilbur

Senior Budget Officer and Director, Acquisition and Resources Management Staff

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Circling back on this question below...Maybe we can have a call or meeting on this one today or tomorrow so I can ask more questions.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
Cc: Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]
From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Fri 8/11/2017 1:32:32 PM
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Got it... Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Please see attached. Thanks for your diligence!

From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Hi John,

I've done a comparison of the documents returned for edits (17-08 and 17-09) and am unable to determine what edits are required.

Would you please re-send both documents with the required edits highlighted or using tracked changes?

Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

17-07 is good. 17-08 (page 31) and 17-09 (pages 8 and 31) have edits as indicated attached. Thank you.

From: Bilal, Kari
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]
From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Fri 9/29/2017 1:06:56 PM
Subject: Re: OGD Daily Grant Reports

Great and thanks, John!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

On Sep 29, 2017, at 8:57 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Good to go!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

On Sep 29, 2017, at 8:49 AM, Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov> wrote:

Greetings, John,

OA has changed the project description to read as follows:

This comprehensive nationwide project covers a wide array of topics including: air & water quality, drinking water, toxics, planning & resource allocation, data

management, compliance & enforcement, solid & hazardous waste, emerging contaminants, energy & energy efficiency, public & environmental health, state capacity building, alignment of state & EPA priorities, civil rights, EJ, oversight, partnership enhancement, legal relationships, performance measures, streamlining of state environmental business processes, innovations, new technologies, and pollution prevention.

Please let me know if this action is cleared to move forward. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm reviewing the competition report.

All on the pending grants approved.

All on the congressional report approved BUT this one below seems to need an updated description:

83596001x5 3	EPA HQ	\$520,000.009/27/2017	Environmental Council of the States	ECOS Omnibus Cooperative Agreement	This comprehensive nationwide project covers a wide array of topics including: air & water quality, drinking water, toxics, planning & resource allocation, data management, compliance & enforcement, solid & hazardous waste, emerging contaminants, climate change, energy & energy efficiency, public & environmental health, state capacity building, alignment of state & EPA priorities, civil rights, EJ,
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enhancement, legal relationships,
performance measures,
streamlining of state
environmental business
processes, innovations, new
technologies, and pollution
prevention.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:59 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John
<Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell,
Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>;
Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William
<Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk,
Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth
<Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>;
Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth
<Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Fenton, Kathleen <Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov>;
Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: OGD Daily Grant Reports

EPA Colleagues,

You are receiving this email because the Chief of Staff has requested that you be included on this distribution list. Attached are: 1) the Pending New and Supplemental Grant Actions Report, which includes monetary new and supplemental actions, regardless of dollar threshold; 2) the daily Congressional Notification report; and 3) the monthly Upcoming Competition Report.

Because this is the last week of the fiscal year and we recognize that many grant actions are being created on a daily basis, please be advised that OGD will be submitting daily Pending Reports to OPA for review in order to process actions more quickly. Therefore, until Friday 9/29/2017, you will receive the Pending Report with the Congressional Notification Report on a daily basis, as well as a determination for any actions that receive concurrence to move forward or holds

related to each report.

Below is a table with a description and point of contact (POC) for each report. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions related to this submission.

Report Type	Report Description	POC	Report Submission Frequency
New & Supplemental Pending Grant Actions	The purpose of this report is to provide a listing of the Agency-wide Funding Packages (includes a Commitment Notice and either a Funding Recommendation or a Change Request form) that have been "Finalized" by the Program Office, have had draft award documents initiated by the Grants Office staff (signified by entry of a "Funding Package Date" in the Draft Award document) and are pending award issuance by the Regional/HQ Award Official. Furthermore, the report lists only individual New and Supplemental Amendment grant monetary actions. The source of the information contained in the report is the Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.	William Etheredge, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled: OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov	Weekly every Monday
Congressional Notification	The purpose of this report is to show monetary grant awards that were signed by EPA Award Officials the previous business day. When the award is signed, a Congressional Notification is automatically triggered within the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) database. The source of the information contained in the CN report is Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.	Amanda Schulz, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled: OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov	Daily
Upcoming Competition Report	The purpose of this report is to show information on all competitive grant funding opportunity announcements expected to be posted by headquarters and regional program offices in the next month.	Bruce Binder binder.bruce@epa.gov	Monthly, at the end of the month

Thank you,

Amanda Schulz
National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-564-7412

<Congressional Notification Daily Report Previous Day 092817.xlsx>

<Upcoming Competition Report 2017 Oct.xlsx>

<Pending Grants Report - New and Supplemental - 2017-09-28.xlsx>

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 8:19:19 PM
Subject: RE: OAR Grant Decisions

Thank you.

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
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Thanks, John, I will contact OAR to let them know.

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Subject: OAR Grant Decisions

Denise,

We have decided to award:

Global Green Freight Initiative

We have decided not to award:

Market-Based Approaches to Improving Air Quality through Energy Efficiency in Residential and Commercial Buildings

Advancing the State of Economy-Wide Computable General Equilibrium Modeling

Thank you.

John

To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/17/2017 6:23:37 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

#23 needs some work, but the rest are good to go.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 8:47 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>
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Cc: Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Greaves, Holly[greaves.holly@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 7:14:59 PM
Subject: RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Circling back on this question Lisa. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:27 PM
To: White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
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What was the response to this IG report? It said the taxpayer's should "recover \$1M in funding" that the paper received via this grant. Link:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/16/paper-that-covers-chesapeake-bay-faces-questions-o/>

From: White, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:17 PM
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Hello John,

As discussed attached is the work plan and the RFP for the Bay Journal grant as it was

awarded competitively. I will schedule a meeting to include the CBP folks to discuss your concerns. Let me know if you have any questions. thanks.lw

96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc. Production of Bay Journal and related products:

These funds will be used to produce the content for the "Bay Journal" periodical newspaper and to publish and distribute 10 issues of the journal per year as well as for distribution of articles through an electronic news service and posting of the journal content to the "Bay Journal" Website to raise public awareness of issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its health.

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:36 AM

To: Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>; White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>

Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Pumphrey, William <pumphrey.william@epa.gov>; Keesee, Peyton <keesee.peyton@epa.gov>

Subject: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Importance: High

Greetings,

Please see the message below from John Konkus concerning the referenced grant. This grant **cannot move forward** until this questions have been addressed I would recommend a call to him directly at 202-564-2187 to discuss. This grant is on the amendment page of the report that went to Cathy last Monday (7/31). Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:51 AM

To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Cc: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn
<shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>

Subject: Need more info

Importance: High

Denise: I need more info on this grant before we move it any further please:

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

<mime-attachment>

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/12/2017 4:33:30 PM
Subject: RE: Update on air association grants

Thank you.

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on air association grants

Greetings, John,

Attached is a copy of the official award agreement that will be mailed to the recipient on December 19. This agreement must go through congressional notification before we can mail to the agreement to the recipient. Let me know if you need additional information. Thanks!

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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 1:23 PM
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Cc: Hyde, Courtney <Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov>; Marusiak, Eleanor <Marusiak.Eleanor@epa.gov>; Roberts, Timothy-P <Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov>
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Please feel free to give me, Courtney Hyde, or Tim Roberts a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Betsy

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/17/2017 5:58:29 PM
Subject: RE: RE:

Can you also pull together a list of all the grants I have put on hold or rescinded so I can have that all in one place? Thanks!

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: RE:

Greetings, John,

I will send out when I return from my meeting this afternoon. I will also use the new process we discussed this morning. Thanks!

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On Aug 17, 2017, at 1:31 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Good to go.

-----Original Message-----

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:11 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thanks, John. Are you satisfied with the new protocol? If so, I can send a message to the grants community regarding this new process and then I can have Bruce schedule the meeting with the grants community to explain the new process. Thanks and please advise.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov;
Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>;
Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis,
Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>;
Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick
<traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike
<Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thank you Ryan and Team. Peeling the onion back another layer, we are working to address how grant solicitations are written in the first place. Offices have been using several forms of "guidance" to draft solicitations, including a reliance on the 2014-2018 strategic plan which was implemented by the past administration. Some programs use additional internal guidance which we've found also focuses on the goals and policies of the past administration. To address how grants are written at the front end of the process, we have worked with the Office of Grants and Debarment, especially Denise Polk who is copied, to come up with the two documents attached.

- 1) A draft protocol for the entire agency to address how grant solicitations can be written without relying per se on the old strategic plan, while the new strategic plan is being written and reviewed.
- 2) A draft memo from Jane Nishida to her program and to the regions, directing them to use the new administration's goals and priorities as guidance.

Jane's memo, once approved, will serve as a template for all acting AAs and acting RAs to use to issue similar guidance to their respective grant writers.

Our long term goal is to be able to ensure grant solicitations are written in an appropriate way and that we are able to review and approve all grant solicitations before they are posted. This will allow for less back end oversight and keep the process moving in a smooth way. Within one grant cycle we should see that all grants being awarded have been written using our guidance and approved by us at the front end of the process. Until then, please continue to identify draft solicitations in your program offices and/or regional offices and forward them along so we can review, edit if necessary and approve before they are "put on the street".

Thank you all again for your help with this project.

John Konkus

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Ryan

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:10 PM

To: Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject:

I could use your help with grant solicitations your program offices and the regions are working up to place in grants.gov

These need to be reviewed by OPA (John Konkus) before they go live.

Will you instruct your program office and the regions to provide you with a list and description of the grant solicitations they are working up?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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To: Traylor, Patrick[traylor.patrick@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 2:41:39 PM
Subject: RE: Enforcement Grant

Do you support this grant moving forward?

From: Traylor, Patrick
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Enforcement Grant

John, I'm spending this afternoon catching up on some woefully late correspondence responses. Did you get what you needed on this?

Patrick Traylor

Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: Enforcement Grant

Patrick: I came across this one today. Any thoughts? We can talk via phone when you have a moment.

8/1/2017	2017-2019	Office of Environmental Enforcement & Assurance Compliance	Funding for Environmental law for compliance Institute Profit & worldwide including efforts to build capacity for compliance and enforcement in Africa, south America and other parts of the world. (IC)	13/1/2018	2018-2020	Support for the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Secretariat	The purpose of this agreement is to provide ongoing financial assistance and technical cooperation in mutually supportive efforts to promote and strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement through the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE), specifically by supporting the INECE Secretariat.
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John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/12/2017 4:20:10 PM
Subject: RE: Update on air association grants

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Thanks,

Betsy

To: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 4:20:11 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

Obama EPA strategic plan: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-09/documents/epa_strategic_plan_fy14-18.pdf

Search "climate"

From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

Awesome thanks. Do you have a link about the previous Administrations guidance on climate change for funding requests?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Another example...

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

FYI this is how most grant discussions end up, the program and grantee work on a solution together to make the grant work better reflect the priorities of the Administration. The grant

moves forward. This is real work we are doing to ensure grants move forward.

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

Greetings, John,

As we discussed in our earlier meeting with OEI, the recipient has submitted a revised cover letter to better address the work that will be performed under the grant, if approved. Please review and let me know if this grant action can move forward.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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<CSU_Sacramento_Fulton_EPA.pdf>

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 3:10:44 PM
Subject: RE: Draft Email for Program Offices re: Review and Approval Process for Competitive Solicitations

Just add that they should copy you or your office on all emails to me as well. Otherwise, looks good. Thanks!

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft Email for Program Offices re: Review and Approval Process for Competitive Solicitations

FYI.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Drummond, James <Drummond.James@epa.gov>; January, Elizabeth <January.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Swan-

Townsend, Val <Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov>; Hogan, Joanne <Hogan.Joanne@epa.gov>;
Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Subject: Draft Email for Program Offices re: Review and Approval Process for Competitive Solicitations

Greetings, John,

As requested, please review the draft email message below. If you approve, my plan is to notify the program offices tomorrow of the new review and approval process for competitive solicitations. As stated in the email message below, I am requesting the program offices to submit the solicitations directly to you for review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

The Office of the Administrator has requested an opportunity to review competitive solicitations prior to posting on Grants.gov. Effective immediately, Headquarters and Regional program offices are to provide the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) a draft copy of any competitive solicitation that they plan to issue prior to forwarding it to the Grants Competition Advocate's Office for review in Next Generation Grants System (NGGS).

The draft solicitations are to be sent via email to Mr. John Konkus, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, along with a designated point of contact for any questions OPA may have about the solicitation.

Once the program office receives approval from OPA to proceed with the solicitation, they must then forward it to the GCA's office via NGGS for GCA and OGC/ORC review as appropriate. Please note that when the program offices forward it for GCA review in NGGS, they must indicate that it has been reviewed and approved by OPA for issuance, and also provide to the GCA a copy of any OPA comments on the solicitation.

If the GCA's office or OGC/ORC have substantive comments on the solicitation, they will work with the program office and OPA to reconcile them. In addition, program offices cannot engage in any manner with non-EPA parties regarding the solicitation, or its contents, (e.g. asking for comments on draft solicitations or suggestions for program priorities) prior to OPA approval of the solicitation. If you have any questions, call Bruce Binder, Liz January, or Val Swan-Townsend of the GCA's office.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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To: Blake-Coleman, Wendy[Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 10/19/2017 2:58:18 PM
Subject: RE: PEASE RESPOND RE: FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

We are still reviewing and expect to complete our review next week.

From: Blake-Coleman, Wendy
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: PEASE RESPOND RE: FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

Hi John: I am going to be out most of next week at a meeting. Would it be possible to communicate about the questions you had on the Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice (SN) and any others that might have been raised by your colleagues today or tomorrow? We would still like to get the SN out by the end of the month if at all possible. Thanks WBC.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief
Information Exchange Partnership Branch
Office of Environmental Information
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 566-1709

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Blake-Coleman, Wendy <Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov>
Cc: Leopard, Matthew <Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov>; Lee, Maja <Lee.Maja@epa.gov>; Dwyer, Connie <Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov>; Freeman, Charles <Freeman.charles@epa.gov>; Singh, Dipti <Singh.Dipti@epa.gov>; Hart, Michael <Hart.Michael@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Salena <Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov>; Martin, Devon <martin.devon@epa.gov>; Mixon, Edward

<Mixon.Edward@epa.gov>; Jackson, Elizabeth <Jackson.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Slaughter, Dorothy <Slaughter.Dorothy@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

Thank you Wendy. I am running this by some others to get their input and I will reply with that and some questions I have soon. What is your hard deadline?

Thank you again,

John

From: Blake-Coleman, Wendy
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Leopard, Matthew <Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov>; Lee, Maja <Lee.Maja@epa.gov>; Dwyer, Connie <Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov>; Freeman, Charles <Freeman.charles@epa.gov>; Singh, Dipti <Singh.Dipti@epa.gov>; Hart, Michael <Hart.Michael@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Salena <Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov>; Martin, Devon <martin.devon@epa.gov>; Mixon, Edward <Mixon.Edward@epa.gov>; Jackson, Elizabeth <Jackson.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Slaughter, Dorothy <Slaughter.Dorothy@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

Hi John: Consistent with Denise Polk's email of August 8, attached for your review is the final draft Fiscal Year 2018 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice (SN). On 8/9/2016, OEI sent you a draft of this SN seeking your permission to request input on the draft SN from our partner agencies (states, tribes, territories); a request you approved on 8/16/2017. We subsequently made the draft SN available to interested state, tribal, and territorial stakeholders and convened 2 webinars; one in late August and one in early September to provide stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and/or ask questions about the SN.

The attached final draft incorporates the feedback received from stakeholders. The document is a redlined version to facilitate your review of changes made after your 8/16/2017 approval of the document used to solicit input from stakeholders. Sections of the document with changes are:

- [REDACTED] I-A: Background
- [REDACTED] I-D: Environmental Results Supported by Assistance Activities
- [REDACTED] I-E: Program Priorities
- [REDACTED] II-A: General Information
- [REDACTED] II-C: Funding Restrictions
- [REDACTED] V-A: Evaluation Criteria
- [REDACTED] Appendix A: Programmatic Data Exchange Opportunities
- [REDACTED] Appendix B: Foundational Exchange network Shared Services
- [REDACTED] Appendix D: Strengthening Partner Information Management Capabilities

I will continue to serve as the OEI point of contact to respond to any OPA questions or comments on the Exchange Network Grant SN. Best wishes.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief

Information Exchange Partnership Branch

Office of Environmental Information

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which is a competitive grant solicitation, that the Office of Environmental Information anticipates being posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) in late September and on which we want to request external stakeholder input during August. The National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grants support the implementation of the Exchange Network (EN) which is a partnership between states, tribes, territories and EPA to share data for more timely and informed decisions. As a result of this partnership and associated grant support, all 50 states, over 100 tribes, and 6 territories use the EN to exchange and report information.

OEI annually makes the draft SN available to interested state, tribal, and territorial stakeholders and convenes 2 webinars in late August for them to provide input and/or ask questions about the SN. OEI would like to continue this practice and seeks your approval of the attached draft SN. Upon your approval, we plan to request input from our partner agencies (states, tribes, territories). OEI will provide a final draft of the SN to you in September for approval after partner comments are incorporated and before we initiate the process of posting it to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). In addition, the Grants Competition Advocate's Office and Office of General Counsel will review the SN. I will serve as the OEI point of contact to respond to any OPA questions or comments on the Exchange Network Grant SN. Best wishes.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief

Information Exchange Partnership Branch

Office of Environmental Information

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Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov

-D. Environmental Results Supported by Assistance

Activities

It is EPA policy to link work supported by assistance agreements directly to the Agency's mission to protect human health and the environment as articulated in EPA's Strategic Plan. EPA's Strategic Plan is available at <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>. Do we want to say (also the agency has released a new strategic plan as draft for comment at??...) The activities to be funded under this announcement will be linked to existing EPA's strategic plan are consistent with both EPA's current priorities (and potential new priorities under the draft plan??) for:

- . Improving air quality to ensure more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards.
- Ensuring clean and safe water by improving water infrastructure and supporting drinking water, aquatic ecosystems, and recreational, economic, and subsistence activities.
- Cleaning up contaminated sites and returning land back to communities.
- Ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace.
- Improving permitting and reducing reporting burdens that impede economic growth.
- Improving environmental protection through joint governance, state/tribal primacy efforts, and compliance assistance.
- Increasing transparency, public participation, and collaboration with communities.
- Creating consistency and certainty for the regulated community.

{matt do we want to revise this bulletized list to reflect the draft plan?}

From: Blake-Coleman, Wendy
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Leopard, Matthew <Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov>

Cc: Freeman, Charles <Freeman.charles@epa.gov>; Dwyer, Connie
<Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov>; Martin, Devon <martin.devon@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Salena
<Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov>
Subject: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

Hi Matt: Attached is the redlined draft Exchange Network SN document we intend to send on to Jonathan Konkus for his final approval before we send it to Bruce Binder for his review and approval. We will send Jonathan a copy with all the changes accepted as well, but want to facilitate his knowing what has changed. Please let us know if you want us to make any additional changes. Thanks WBC.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief
Information Exchange Partnership Branch
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To: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 4:19:13 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

<https://www.epa.gov/international-cooperation/international-grants-and-cooperative-agreements>

From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

Awesome thanks. Do you have a link about the previous Administrations guidance on climate change for funding requests?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Another example...

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Grant Application -"Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

FYI this is how most grant discussions end up, the program and grantee work on a solution together to make the grant work better reflect the priorities of the Administration. The grant moves forward. This is real work we are doing to ensure grants move forward.

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Grant Application - "Energy-Water-Emission Dashboard" Proposal Grant Number OS-83923301-0 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program-revised letter

Greetings, John,

As we discussed in our earlier meeting with OEI, the recipient has submitted a revised cover letter to better address the work that will be performed under the grant, if approved. Please review and let me know if this grant action can move forward.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Denise A. Polk, Director

Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD)

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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Stop: 3901R
Washington, DC 20460

(202) 564-5306 (Phone)

(202) 306-1056 (Cell)

Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

<CSU_Sacramento_Fulton_EPA.pdf>

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 6:37:19 PM
Subject: RE:

Thanks for sending this. The programs and regions have been directed by OGD to send me all draft solicitations. I've seen some already and tweaked some already.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject:

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Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
(202) 564-6999

To: Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]; OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 1/2/2018 8:12:54 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Thank you.

From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

John,

Thanks for the email. I will reach out again to James Gentry and ask him to respond to your inquiry.

Thanks,

Kerry

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 3:04 PM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Circling back on my request for more information on this one please. Thanks.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:55 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

I would like more information on grant #83928701 under New Actions. Please do not advance that one.

Otherwise the rest under New Actions and both under Amendments can move forward.

Thank you.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: [\(202\) 365-9250](tel:(202)365-9250)

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From: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Date: December 27, 2017 at 7:32:18 AM EST
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: "Bell, Matthew" <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Cooper, Marian" <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>, "Etheredge, William" <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>, "Flynn, Mike" <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>, "Jones, Laurice" <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>, "Milazzo, Julie" <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>, "Neal, Kerry" <neal.kerry@epa.gov>, "Polk, Denise" <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>, "Sanders, LaTonya" <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>, "Showman, John" <Showman.John@epa.gov>, "Sylvester, Kenneth" <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>, "Durand, Jessica" <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
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Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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Washington, DC 20460

(202) 564-1068

Email: williams.michael@epa.gov

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/17/2017 5:31:51 PM
Subject: RE:

Good to go.

-----Original Message-----

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thanks, John. Are you satisfied with the new protocol? If so, I can send a message to the grants community regarding this new process and then I can have Bruce schedule the meeting with the grants community to explain the new process. Thanks and please advise.

Denise A. Polk, Director
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Mail Stop: 3901R
Washington, DC 20460

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(202) 306-1056 (Cell)
Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thank you Ryan and Team. Peeling the onion back another layer, we are working to address how grant solicitations are written in the first place. Offices have been using several forms of "guidance" to draft solicitations, including a reliance on the 2014-2018 strategic plan which was implemented by the past administration. Some programs use additional internal guidance which we've found also focuses on the goals and policies of the past administration. To address how grants are written at the front end of the process, we have worked with the Office of Grants and Debarment, especially Denise Polk who is copied, to come up with the two documents attached.

- 1) A draft protocol for the entire agency to address how grant solicitations can be written without relying per se on the old strategic plan, while the new strategic plan is being written and reviewed.
- 2) A draft memo from Jane Nishida to her program and to the regions, directing them to use the new administration's goals and priorities as guidance.

Jane's memo, once approved, will serve as a template for all acting AAs and acting RAs to use to issue similar guidance to their respective grant writers.

Our long term goal is to be able to ensure grant solicitations are written in an appropriate way and that we are able to review and approve all grant solicitations before they are posted. This will allow for less back end oversight and keep the process moving in a smooth way. Within one grant cycle we should see that all grants being awarded have been written using our guidance and approved by us at the front end of the process. Until then, please continue to identify draft solicitations in your program offices and/or regional offices and forward them along so we can review, edit if necessary and approve before they are "put on the street".

Thank you all again for your help with this project.

John Konkus

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To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 2:06:07 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

These are good to go but I have a question about this one, what does "multi-media" mean? Thank you.

99182905G EPA R1 \$3,515,562.00/5/2017 Maine D.E.P.
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ME DEP
Performance
Partnership Grant
2014-2017

Through a multi-media performance partnership grant, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection will administer environmental programs for air, water, waste and toxics throughout the state directing resources as appropriate to address environmental and public health priorities.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:47 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

EPA Colleagues,

Attached is the report for 9/6/17.

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Please don't hesitate to reach out to OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov with any questions related to this submission.

Jessica Durand

Policy Specialist

US Environmental Protection Agency

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Durand.jessica@epa.gov

To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 10/19/2017 1:07:58 PM
Subject: FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)
Congressional Notification Daily Report Previous Day 101917.xlsx

The Northern Arizona grant is good to go, but on the second grant, please hold as I would like to see the cooperative agreement referenced in this description:

8354310PI 6	EPA HQ	\$10,000.0010/18/2017	Local Government Commission	Local Government Commission	Through this cooperative agreement the grant recipient will organize and plan the New Partners for Smart Growth conference over a period of five years, one conference per year (2014-2018).
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From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:00 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

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Amanda Schulz
National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

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Phone: 202-564-7412

To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov];
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Sent: Tue 1/2/2018 8:03:57 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

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Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:55 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry
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Thank you.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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Email: williams.michael@epa.gov

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 9:10:00 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Status Update

Yes they're helping prevent lung cancer due to radon. Good work to protect human health.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Grant Status Update

American lung assn????

Begin forwarded message:

From: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Date: August 25, 2017 at 3:43:22 PM CDT
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Cc: "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>, "Showman, John" <Showman.John@epa.gov>, "Cooper, Marian" <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>, "Bell, Matthew" <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Flynn, Mike" <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>, "Milazzo, Julie" <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>, "Etheredge, William" <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>, "Neal, Kerry" <neal.kerry@epa.gov>, "Polk, Denise" <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>, "Sylvester, Kenneth" <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Durand, Jessica" <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Grant Status Update

Good afternoon,

All actions on these two reports have been cleared; however, any award on these lists that has been specifically placed on hold still remains on hold and should not move forward.

Thank you,

Laurice Jones

Director, National Policy Training and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

US EPA

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To: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]
Cc: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 6:24:46 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

This one is good to move forward. Thank you.

From: Sylvester, Kenneth
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

I'll inform the AO JRO staff contact so they are aware.

Since this grant amendment was already officially issued, did you want me to inform the program/grant staff that the funds will need to be held and not obligated for the grantee to access? I only ask because they'll need to coordinate all of that with our finance office.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 9:19 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Grants Team: everything except the first grant #6 (see below) on the sheet is good to go.

Tom and Tate: on this particular grant, what's up with this EE grant? Why don't we use NEEF for something like this? Thank you!

8369580NT 2	EPA HQ \$2,096,500.00/4/2017 North American Association for Environmental Ed	ee360 Leadership and Training	Project ee306 will train a cadre of diverse education professionals to deliver
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Collaborative environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:56 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

EPA Colleagues,

Attached is the report for 12/05/17.

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agency.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov with any questions related to this submission.

Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division

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Washington, DC 20460

(202) 564-1068

Email: williams.michael@epa.gov

To: Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov];
OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal,
Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 1/18/2018 7:16:49 PM
Subject: RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I've reviewed this with the region and it is good to go. Thank you!

From: Sylvester, Kenneth
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:00 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports
<OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry
<neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I sent an email to Region 4 yesterday about the below grant. Let follow up with them to see where they are in the process.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:59 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth
<Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry
<neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I still have questions about this one below and I'm working with region to get more info. The rest are good to go. Thank you.

12/27/2017 12:00 PM	Region 4	Gulf of Mexico Program Grants (MX)	C	B.F. Smith Foundation	Not for Profit	2/1/2018 2:00 PM	2018-2020 B.F. Smith Foundation Mexico Program	This action approves a new award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for B.F. Smith Foundation to demonstration an innovative monitoring system that will measure and report field scale water and
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nutrient dynamics to the farmer in support of informed crop management decisions throughout the Delta region of Northwest Mississippi.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:47 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good morning John,

Attached for your review is this week's pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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Email: williams.michael@epa.gov

To: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 4:07:43 PM
Subject: FW: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Example...

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:42 PM
To: VanHaagen, Paula <vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Thank you Paula!

From: VanHaagen, Paula
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:41 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Thanks for your quick review!

Paula

206-553-6977

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:39 PM
To: VanHaagen, Paula <vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Looks great. Thank you!

From: VanHaagen, Paula
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Hi, John,

Below is the revised language in IGMS.

Paula

206-553-6977

From: VanHaagen, Paula
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

CFDA:66.926 - Indian Environmental General Assistance Program
Media:Multi-Media

Project Title:Sitka Tribe of Alaska GAP

Description:Preserve quality of life and environment through the following: building tribal administrative capacity; continued collection of baseline water quality data; build tribal understanding of ocean acidification, begin developing a sea food consumption rate data collection protocol; remove solid waste/marine debris from coastal traditional use areas.

Explan. ofThis amendment changes the agreement as follows: Adds \$29,960 in incremental funding for the approved unmet Changes:needs request (solid waste) and updates terms and conditions. Note condition #4: You may not draw down funds for indirect costs if you do not have a current indirect cost agreement.

I left a vm for John Konkus about 5 minutes ago, saying that I saw problematic language in the Project Description and that we were working on revising it. I left my phone number.

Wil has revised the project description. Please see above.

Paula

206-553-6977

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:26 PM

To: Lindsay, Nancy <Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov>; VanHaagen, Paula <vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis <Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov>; Nishida, Jane <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Weckesser, Mike <Weckesser.Mike@epa.gov>; Wright, Felicia <Wright.Felicia@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>

Subject: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review

Importance: High

Greetings,

The following R10 grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. This action was listed on today's Congressional Notification Report. I would recommend that R10 contact John Konkus via telephone at 202-564-2187 to discuss. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

8/16/2017	Amendment 2	1370R-10	GA	Sitka Indian Tribe of Alaska	10/1/2018	3/30/2018	\$29,960	Sitka Tribe of Alaska GAP	Preserve quality of life and environment and work toward understanding and adapting to climate change through the following: building tribal administrative capacity; continued collection of baseline water quality data; build tribal understanding of ocean acidification, begin developing a sea food consumption rate data collection protocol; remove solid waste/marine debris from coastal traditional use areas.
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(202) 306-1056 (Cell)

Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

To: Lloyd, Keva[Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 1/18/2018 7:15:46 PM
Subject: RE: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)

This is a really outstanding project from my laymen's reading of it.

From: Lloyd, Keva
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)

Good Morning John,

My apologies for the delayed response. EPA Offices in Atlanta were closed due to inclement weather yesterday and today.

The information (grant application and project proposal) you've requested is attached. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns after your review.

Thanks!

Ms. Keva R. Lloyd

US EPA Region 4

Chief, Grants and Audit Management Section

Grants Management Officer

Office: 404-562-8420

Email: Lloyd.keva@epa.gov



From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Lloyd, Keva <Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)

Can you email me the work plan or application, just so I can read a little more about it? Thanks.

From: Lloyd, Keva
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)
Importance: High

Good Afternoon John,

Concerning the B.F. Smith Foundation grant the Gulf of Mexico Office will be managing, please let me know what information you are seeking about the project? I will work with the program to get you a response.

Thanks!

Ms. Keva R. Lloyd

US EPA Region 4

Chief, Grants and Audit Management Section

Grants Management Officer

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Email: Lloyd.keva@epa.gov



From: Sylvester, Kenneth

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:48 AM

To: Lloyd, Keva <Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov>; Lapierre, Kenneth <Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov>;
Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>;
OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Williams, Michael
<Williams.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918
(Region 4)

Hi Keva and Ken,

OPA is requesting additional information on the grant listed below. Please contact John Konkus and start a conversation to determine what type of information he is specifically requesting. When OPA has determined that the grant can move forward and if/when you are notified, please reply to this email letting us know so we update our tracking sheets and provide the final notice to everyone. Thanks.

12/27/2017	2017-2018	Delta Region	Gulf of Mexico Program Grants (MX)	C	B.F. Smith Foundation	Not for Profit	2/1/2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	Delta Region	Gulf of Mexico Program	This action approves a new award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for B.F. Smith Foundation to demonstration an innovative monitoring system that will measure and report field scale water and nutrient dynamics to the farmer in support of informed crop management decisions throughout the Delta region of Northwest Mississippi.
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Grant Resources:

(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

(Internal Agency Customers): <http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/>

To: Hyde, Courtney[Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov]
Cc: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]; Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]; Shaw, Betsy[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov]; Dominguez, Alexander[dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 12:36:23 PM
Subject: RE: Additional OAR Grant Information

Thank you. We will review.

From: Hyde, Courtney
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 6:33 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Dunham, Sarah <Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov>; Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>
Subject: Additional OAR Grant Information

John,

Thank you for meeting with OAR yesterday to discuss our three grant actions that you are reviewing. Attached are the following documents:

1. Advancing the State of Economy-Wide Computable General Equilibrium Modeling: MIT Proposal
2. Proposed Descriptions for the three grants actions (provided at the meeting)
3. Background and Benefit information for the three grants
4. Request for Proposal for the Modeling of Climate Change Mitigation, Impacts and Adaptation Competition
5. Proposal for the Modeling of Climate Change Mitigation, Impacts and Adaptation
6. Proposal from the International Council on Clean Transportation

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Courtney

Courtney Hyde, Deputy Director/Senior Budget Officer

Office of Program Management Operations

Office of Air and Radiation

202.564.1227

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 4:06:36 PM
Subject: RE: RE:

Can you confirm how many grants we currently have on hold or under review? Thanks.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RE:

Can you also pull together a list of all the grants I have put on hold or rescinded so I can have that all in one place? Thanks!

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: RE:

Greetings, John,

I will send out when I return from my meeting this afternoon. I will also use the new process we discussed this morning. Thanks!

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On Aug 17, 2017, at 1:31 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Good to go.

-----Original Message-----

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:11 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE:

Thanks, John. Are you satisfied with the new protocol? If so, I can send a message to the grants community regarding this new process and then I can have Bruce schedule the meeting with the grants community to explain the new process. Thanks and please advise.

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Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:43 AM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov;

Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>;

Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis,

Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>;

Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick

<traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike

<Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Subject: RE:

Thank you Ryan and Team. Peeling the onion back another layer, we are working to address how grant solicitations are written in the first place. Offices have been using several forms of "guidance" to draft solicitations, including a reliance on the 2014-2018 strategic plan which was implemented by the past administration. Some programs use additional

internal guidance which we've found also focuses on the goals and policies of the past administration. To address how grants are written at the front end of the process, we have worked with the Office of Grants and Debarment, especially Denise Polk who is copied, to come up with the two documents attached.

- 1) A draft protocol for the entire agency to address how grant solicitations can be written without relying per se on the old strategic plan, while the new strategic plan is being written and reviewed.
- 2) A draft memo from Jane Nishida to her program and to the regions, directing them to use the new administration's goals and priorities as guidance.

Jane's memo, once approved, will serve as a template for all acting AAs and acting RAs to use to issue similar guidance to their respective grant writers.

Our long term goal is to be able to ensure grant solicitations are written in an appropriate way and that we are able to review and approve all grant solicitations before they are posted. This will allow for less back end oversight and keep the process moving in a smooth way. Within one grant cycle we should see that all grants being awarded have been written using our guidance and approved by us at the front end of the process. Until then, please continue to identify draft solicitations in your program offices and/or regional offices and forward them along so we can review, edit if necessary and approve before they are "put on the street".

Thank you all again for your help with this project.

John Konkus

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Ryan

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:10 PM

To: Mandy_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

Subject:

I could use your help with grant solicitations your program offices and the regions are working up to place in grants.gov

These need to be reviewed by OPA (John Konkus) before they go live.

Will you instruct your program office and the regions to provide you with a list and

description of the grant solicitations they are working up?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
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(202) 564-6999

To: Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 2:18:44 PM
Subject: Water grant

David: Will this grant help New Orleans with its water issues?

\$11.3 MILLION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LDH DRINKING WATER RLF CAPITALIZATION GRANT FY17: This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 1:21:39 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

I would like to work with R8 on #69. All the others should move forward please. Thank you!

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:16 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; amanda.k.schulz@gmail.com; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>
Subject: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

EPA Colleagues,

Attached is the report for 8/28/17.

You are receiving this email because the Chief of Staff has requested that you be included on this daily report. The purpose of the attached report is to show monetary grant awards that were signed by EPA Award Officials the previous business day. When the award is signed, a Congressional Notification is automatically triggered within the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) database. The source of the information contained in the CN report is Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov with any questions related to this submission.

Amanda Schulz
National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

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To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 8/28/2017 8:18:02 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

All CN items except for this one are approved to move forward. Thank you. On this one, I have some questions:

963482NP 2	EPA R3\$49,500	8/25/2017	LOUISV - University of Louisville	Operate the Environmental Sustainability Resource Center (ESRC)	The University of Louisville Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center supports the Environmental Sustainability Resource Center (ESRC) that serves EPA Regions 3 and 4. ESRC will conduct activities that further the national emphasis areas of climate change mitigation and prevention of greenhouse gas emissions as well as state approaches to hazardous waste source reduction. Tasks include webinars focused on the foundational approaches to energy savings as well as coaching and implementation assistance to attendees.
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From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Greetings, John,

Did you clear the CN report also? Please advise and thanks!

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:48 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Fenton, Kathleen <Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

EPA Colleagues,

You are receiving this email because the Chief of Staff has requested that you be included on this distribution list. Attached are: 1) the Pending New and Supplemental Grant Actions Report, which includes monetary new and supplemental actions, regardless of dollar threshold; and 2) the daily Congressional Notification report

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Office of Grants and Debarment

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Cc: Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 1:51:29 PM
Subject: Need more info

Denise: I need more info on this grant before we move it any further please:

96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products:

These funds will be used to produce the content for the "Bay Journal" periodical newspaper and to publish and distribute 10 issues of the journal per year as well as for distribution of articles through an electronic news service and posting of the journal content to the "Bay Journal" Website to raise public awareness of issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its health.

John Konkus

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To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 1/18/2018 3:00:13 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

This one was reviewed by Dr. Beck with no concerns. Please move it forward. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:20 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

On the "Congressional Notifications" report, I am running #8 by Nancy Beck. But I don't expect any concerns. Everything looks good to go here.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:43 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
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Subject: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

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Thank you,

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To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 9:19:30 PM
Subject: Confirm please

The Bay Journal is the only grant of its kind to come up thus far in 2017 and the funding not going to that newspaper is going back into the Chesapeake Bay program to fund other grants related to the Chesapeake Bay.

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 2:38:38 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

I've put it on hold until you get a chance to weigh in...as AA ☺

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

NO! I wasn't. I'm emailing Tom now to see what it does- I hope it's not 2 M each year for 5 years!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

We're you briefed on this ee360 grant? It's a big one \$2M +...

From: Brennan, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Well that ee360 project was competed and NAAEE won the cooperative agreement. We just funded year 3 of 5 so we are in the middle with this team. They seem to be off to a terrific start and our group is pleased so far. Still up for some creative dialog about how to best use NEEF.

As for the EE grants, they have been with OGC for several days now. I just called Joanne Hogan in OGC and left a message in to inquire on how the review is going. As soon as they clear OGC/OGD we will address any last issues and be ready to go. OEE is working with OPA to develop a press release for this announcement.

Tom Brennan

Chief of Staff, Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education

US EPA

Phone - 202 564 6953

Cell # - 703 581 9300

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 9:19 AM

To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Grants Team: everything except the first grant #6 (see below) on the sheet is good to go.

Tom and Tate: on this particular grant, what's up with this EE grant? Why don't we use NEEF for something like this? Thank you!

8369580NT 2	EPA HQ \$2,096,500.00/4/2017	North American Association for Environmental Ed	ee360 Leadership and Training Collaborative	Project ee306 will train a cadre of diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE)
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From: OGD_Grant_Reports

Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:56 AM

To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>

Cc: Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 1/9/2018 6:35:51 PM
Subject: RE: Request for OPA Review of Competitive Grant Solicitation for Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for Geospatial Analysis Support

Thank you. We will review ASAP.

From: Edward, James
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Smith, William (Region 3) <smith.william@epa.gov>; Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>; Krakowiak, John <Krakoviak.John@epa.gov>; White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Bisland, Carin <bisland.carin@epa.gov>; Batiuk, Rich <Batiuk.Richard@epa.gov>; Hindin, Rebecca <Hindin.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Edward, James <edward.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for OPA Review of Competitive Grant Solicitation for Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for Geospatial Analysis Support
Importance: High

Hi John: We are requesting your review and approval of the attached Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for Geospatial Analysis Support. Please contact me or Rebecca Hindin if you have any questions or comments....Thanks Jim

#BayStrong

Jim Edward

Acting Director

Chesapeake Bay Program Office

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Cc: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 2:35:59 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

I want to give Tate Bennet a chance to review them and weigh in as she is the AA for this program.

From: Sylvester, Kenneth
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
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I'll inform the AO JRO staff contact so they are aware.

Since this grant amendment was already officially issued, did you want me to inform the program/grant staff that the funds will need to be held and not obligated for the grantee to access? I only ask because they'll need to coordinate all of that with our finance office.

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To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 7:29:26 PM
Subject: RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Sounds good. Thank you.

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Great and thanks, John. Also, we are finalizing the information for the letter and will send you some draft language shortly.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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Email: Polk.Denise@epa.gov

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Very good. Thank you.

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

Please see the information I revived from R6. The will change the project description for the grant action below to read as follows:

ICAST proposes to fund a demonstration project with an innovative approach for the environmentally sustainable rehabilitation of existing multifamily affordable housing properties to make them super-efficient and help improve air quality. The project includes energy efficient and water conservation upgrades as well as resident engagement programs that teach the tenants how they can impact efficient use of resources to ensure optimal performance of the buildings.

Please let me know if you need additional information or let me know if this action can move forward. Thanks!

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From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:29 PM
To: McDonald, James <McDonald.James@epa.gov>; Miller, Donna <miller.donna@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Keesee, Peyton <keesee.peyton@epa.gov>; Pumphrey, William <pumphrey.william@epa.gov>; Berkley, Bruce <Berkley.Bruce@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar <Morales.Oscar@epa.gov>
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Subject: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review
Importance: High

Greetings,

The following R6 grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. John Konkus is requesting a meeting with the program office. Please contact him directly at 202-564-2187. I would also recommend a review and slight revision of the project summary.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

5/1/2017	2017-01-01	Source of Reduction Chemical Assistance Safety (X9) and Pollution Preventions	ICAST	Not for Profit	11/1/2016	2016-11-01	57706	Demonstrating Net Zero Energy in Multifamily Affordable Housing	1. ICAST proposes to fund a demonstration project of an innovative approach for the green rehabilitate of existing multifamily affordable housing properties to make them super-efficient and help mitigate climate change while solving the affordable
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housing crisis.

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To: OGD_Grant_Reports[OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 8/28/2017 5:22:42 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

For the pending grants report, all are good to go but, #8 under new actions:

8/15/2017 3:36 PM	1601	Surveys- C	Natural Not 6/1/2017 3:36 PM	2000	Reducing GHG	Natural Resources
Award of Air	Studies-	Resource for	Defense Profit	Emissions Through	Energy Efficiency	Defense Council will
and Investigations-	Demonstrations	Council				pursue energy
Radiation and Special	Purpose					efficiency opportunities
Activities	relating to					in the residential and
the Clean	Air Act (XA)					commercial building

sectors through the use of voluntary and market-based strategies. Depending on the specific market under the grant they will help develop and introduce new more efficient components or products ("pull new product to the market"); or jump-start the sales and market share of the best existing energy efficient products and practices. The long term goal of this work is to create lasting, sustainable change in the market which will in turn result in significant energy savings, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and reduced utility bills.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:48 AM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>
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Subject: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

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To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 8/2/2017 1:27:06 PM
Subject: RE: Draft solicitation for solicitation #6, R6-R9 Healthier Indoor Environments for Children in Border Communities

Denise: Who should I speak with about editing this solicitation?

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:01 PM
To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft solicitation for solicitation #6, R6-R9 Healthier Indoor Environments for Children in Border Communities

Greetings John,

I just looked at the solicitation and it appears the program office is using the Children's Health CFDA Code: 66-609. Here is the link:

<https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=9b7c486a230e649534ebd22d6376bd6f>

The program code is under the Office of the Administrator and is provided in the "IGMS Program Codes and Descriptions" document, which was sent to you last evening, but it's also attached. I've copied the information from this document below for your convenience.

Protection of Children and the Aging as a Goal of Public Health and
CH - Environmental Protection

Additionally, I noticed that the program code was not listed on the "Program Codes by NPMs" document sent to you last week, so it has now been revised and this program has been added.

I hope this is helpful!

Thanks and have a great day!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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From: OGD_Grant_Reports

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:12 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports
<OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Good Afternoon,

Per your request, attached is the draft solicitation for solicitation #6, *R6-R9 Healthier Indoor Environments for Children in Border Communities*, on the Upcoming Competition Report. The points of contact for this solicitation are Stephanie Cheaney (214-665-8057, cheaney.stephanie@epa.gov) and Dannell Brown (214-665-7279, brown.dannell@epa.gov) in R6.

OGD is still working to get the other two solicitations for you and anticipate providing them soon.

Thank you,

Jessica Durand

Policy Specialist

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Durand.jessica@epa.gov

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:27 PM

To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>

Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

In reference to the "Upcoming Competition Report" can I please see the full draft solicitation for numbers 6, 7 and 8. Thank you.

From: OGD_Grant_Reports

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:11 PM

To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>

Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>

Subject: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

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White House Administrator	The purpose of this report is to notify EPA senior leaders of awards prior to issuance for coordination and communication purposes. Grants Management Offices are required to report any assistance agreement award to the	Amanda Schulz, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled:	Weekly every Monday

	Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD), National Policy, Training and Compliance Division (NPTCD), in which the EPA contribution (including in-kind assistance) is for \$1,000,000 or greater. NPTCD compiles this information into a weekly report submitted to the White House Liaison within the Office of the Administrator.	<u>OGD Grant Reports@epa.gov</u>
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Upcoming Competition Report	The purpose of this report is to show information on all competitive grant funding opportunity announcements expected to be posted by headquarters and regional program offices in the next month.	Bruce Binder Monthly, <u>binder.bruce@epa.gov</u> at the end of the month

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To: Traylor, Patrick[traylor.patrick@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 8/21/2017 2:34:15 PM
Subject: Enforcement Grant

Patrick: I came across this one today. Any thoughts? We can talk via phone when you have a moment.

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John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

To: Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 6:17:35 PM
Subject: RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

New Actions

#9 has been rescinded

Everything else is good to go.

Thank you,

John

From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

The two lists are provided below! Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Polk, Denise" <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>
Date: August 24, 2017 at 8:07:07 PM EDT
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Greetings, John,

Can you please review and provide clearance, as appropriate? Thanks in advance!

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From: Polk, Denise
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Please disregard the one I just sent and review this one for clearance. Thanks!

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From: OGD_Grant_Reports

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:05 AM

To: OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>

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Amanda Schulz
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To: Potter, Ginger[Potter.Ginger@epa.gov]
Cc: Brennan, Thomas[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 10/23/2017 6:46:36 PM
Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Ginger can we hop on the phone for a few mins this afternoon to discuss? My number is 564-2187.

From: Potter, Ginger
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OA Grant Still Under Review

John, I just spoke with Ken about the workplan for Year 3 of the teacher training program (ee360) . Because this is a 5-year program, the Principal Investigator (the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)) is required to provide a Statement of Work (SOW) for each year of the program because it is incrementally funded. The Year 3 SOW is what is attached.

The work plans are based on the SOWs but provide a much higher amount of detail specific to each project and each partner and is used by the PI to direct the work. As I indicated to Ken, I think that the SOW provides a good amount of detail without providing the level of detail required by the PI to manage the work of all the partners. The original workplan (2017-2021)—which equates to the proposal for the ee360 program—is several hundred pages vs. the 20 or so pages for each SOW.

As mentioned in the earlier email, **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy We expected the workplan sometime next week, but this is most likely going to be delayed.

I can provide you with the original workplan if that is what you would like to see...just let me know.

Ginger

From: Potter, Ginger
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Ken, we do not have a finalized work plan yet. However we expect it sometime next week. The

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

I am attaching the Statement of Work (SOW) which gives the broad outline of what is being done by NAAEE and all the partners. The work plan goes into much more detail—perhaps much more than John is interested in seeing.

Let me know if the SOW will serve. If not, I will connect with NAAEE to see what the timeframe is for finishing the work plan.

Ginger

From: Sylvester, Kenneth
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Cc: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review
Importance: High

Hi Everyone,

Denise Polk is out until Tuesday and I have been informed by John Konkus that he has reviewed the information provided below and would like to also receive a copy of the workplan for the project at your earliest convenience (**today is his preference**). Please email to John directly with a copy of final approved workplan. Once he receives the workplan and reviews further, additional communication will be provided.

Please keep OGD (Denise, Kerry and myself) updated as throughout the process and when the workplan is sent for awareness.

Thanks,

Ken Sylvester

Special Assistant to the Office Director

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Grant Resources:

(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

(Internal Agency Customers): <http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/>

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:58 PM

To: Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thanks, Ginger. I will discuss with John and get back to you soon. Thanks!

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From: Potter, Ginger

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:50 AM

To: Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hi Denise, the revised project description language has been corrected on the ee360 Program Change Request. The project description is now:

Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.

The Section 6 Environmental Education Grant Program

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques and all grantees are required to provide a 25% match. Any local education agency, college or university, state education agency or environmental agency or nonprofit organization may apply for an EE grant. Historically, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted each year for this program.

The Section 5 National Environmental Education Training Program

EPA supports environmental education (EE) and training for teachers and other education professionals through the National Environmental Education and Training Program (NEETP), informally known as the Office of Environmental Education's teacher training program. The purpose of this program is to provide EE training and long-term support to formal and non-formal education professionals across the United States, bolstering their ability effectively teach about environmental issues. OEE operates this program as a 5-year Cooperative Agreement. Every 5 years, a Request for Proposals is posted for this program. Only institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations (or a consortia of such) are eligible to apply and a 25% match is required from the awardee. The current program is called ee360 as is managed by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

I have also attached 2 slides to illustrate the all of OEE's programs and a sum of program accomplishments.

Let me know if you have any other questions or need clarification.

Ginger

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:37 PM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, Michael and Ginger,

Please send me the revised project description language. Also, I will need to know more about the difference between these two EE programs. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:29 PM

To: Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thank you Ginger.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

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From: Potter, Ginger

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:23 PM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas
<Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hi Michael, thanks for your help with the funding package for the ee360 program. The mention of climate change in the project description was an inadvertent mistake and with your help, the Grant Specialist has corrected it. This project is not about climate change and there is no discussion of climate change in the SOW that is attached to the Change Request.

In terms of Denise's question...NE is the program code for the Section 6 (of the EE ACT) EE Grants. NT is the program code for the Section 5 teacher training program, which is a 5 year cooperative agreement.

My apologies for not responding earlier, I have been off-site in meetings for the last 2 days. If Denise or John have further questions, please let me know. I will be back in the office tomorrow.

Ginger

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thank you.

Have a great day,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: OA Grant Still Under Review

Not a problem....I thought that everything about climate change had been removed, but I will make that change when I get back to the office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2017, at 11:44 AM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ginger,

Your grant is under review by John Konkus. Please provide me with the information needed below so I can get your grant through. You will need to change the project description to remove climate change as well. Thank you for your assistance.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

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From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:22 AM

To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Young, Jill <Young.Jill@epa.gov>; Schindel, Phillip <Schindel.Phillip@epa.gov>; OGD_Grant_Reports <OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov>; Schulz, Amanda <schulz.amanda@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>

Cc: Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>

Subject: OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings,

The grant amendment below is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. I would advise that you review the project description and explain the differences between the EE programs code (NE and NT). Earlier in the year the NE program awards were funded, but this one is funded under the NT program code. Please advise. Thanks in advance for your prompt response.

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I left you a VM to call me when you have a moment to discuss. 564-2187. Thanks.

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Cool... Thanks, John!

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Thank you. We are reviewing it now.

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John,

The attached draft RFP was received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the draft for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the draft may be directed to: Kari Bilal / bilal.kari@epa.gov / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

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Please set up the call. Thank you Lisa.

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Morning John,

I read the OIG report referenced in the post article and the Agency's response and offer the following information. The audit was performed on the previous grant recipient, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc., not the current recipient which is Bay Journal Media, Inc. Also, the audit findings questioned the procurement costs because the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc., did not comply with the federal procurement regulations. The audit did not question the quality or value of the *Bay Journal*. After further review and discussion, the EPA and the OIG agreed that \$10K in costs were found to be ineligible.

Following is a summary with links to the report at a glance and the full audit report.

It is important to note that the current grant to the Bay Journal Media, Inc. is awarded competitively in accordance with EPA's competition policy.

[OIG Audit 12-4-0720](#), was issued on August 22, 2012. The scope of the audit was to review five

cooperative agreements awarded to the **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.** totaling \$3.6M to promote public education, outreach, and participation in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. One of the tasks under the agreements was to produce and publish the *Bay Journal* which is published to inform the public about issues and events that affect the Chesapeake Bay.

The OIG [report at a glance](#) states that the recipient achieved the intended result of producing the *Bay Journal*, but did not comply with the Code of Federal Regulations regarding procurement and financial management requirements. The recipient did not prepare and document a cost or price analysis, nor evaluate the performance of its *Bay Journal* contractor. Also, its federal financial reports are not supported by its accounting records. We questioned project costs totaling \$1,357,035.

The CB program officials would like to have a discussion with you next week regarding going forward with this action. I will be out of town for training, but If you agree, I will setup the call.

thanks.lw

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OK! Thanks.

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Hi John, my apologies, I'm researching this question, the IG audit was issued in 2012 (before my time in the grants office). I will get back to by COB today or tomorrow morning. Is that ok? thanks.lw

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Circling back on this question Lisa. Thank you!

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What was the response to this IG report? It said the taxpayer's should "recover \$1M in funding" that the paper received via this grant. Link:
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/16/paper-that-covers-chesapeake-bay-faces-questions-o/>

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Hello John,

As discussed attached is the work plan and the RFP for the Bay Journal grant as it was awarded competitively. I will schedule a meeting to include the CBP folks to discuss your concerns. Let me know if you have any questions. thanks.lw

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These funds will be used to produce the content for the “Bay Journal” periodical newspaper and to publish and distribute 10 issues of the journal per year as well as for distribution of articles through an electronic news service and posting of the journal content to the “Bay Journal” Website to raise public awareness of issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its health.

From: Polk, Denise

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:36 AM

To: Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>; White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>

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Greetings,

Please see the message below from John Konkus concerning the referenced grant. This grant **cannot move forward** until this questions have been addressed I would recommend a call to him directly at 202-564-2187 to discuss. This grant is on the amendment page of the report that went to Cathy last Monday (7/31). Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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Subject: Need more info

Importance: High

Denise: I need more info on this grant before we move it any further please:

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